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## 1985 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mr. President, Madame Vice President, Members of the Board of Aldermen, School Committee Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is indeed a great honor to be with you this evening and to address the State of the City. 1985 Not only represents the mid-term of this elected city government, it also represents the mid-point in the decade of the 1980's.

Since I first stood before you as Mayor in 1980, the City of Somerville has come a very long way. Together we have achieved great things. But our cup is not half empty, it is half full. My administration is not looking back, we are not counting past achievements; we are planning and we are determined. Let there be no doubt about our enthusiasm, and let there be no question about our commitment. This city, which we all love, has not yet reached its full potential, it has not yet achieved the greatness and respect that we know it deserved. We have the potential to be one of the finest communities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and we will not be satisfied until we have reached that goal.

We have come a long way since this decade commenced. We have steered the government of Somerville from a course leading to financial disaster and onto the road of fiscal stability. In my first inaugural address in 1980, I sadly acknowledged that we all knew: that the city of Somerville was one of the most financially troubled cities in the Commonwealth and its operations were considered one of the most administratively weak. Today, standing before you in 1985, I can proudly report that your city government is acknowledged to be among the most effective and professional.

In 1980, I described a city government which was running a budget deficit of nearly 1½ million dollars; a city which simply could not meet its contractual obligations without a sharp rise in property tax assessment; a city which could not close its financial books until nearly 24 months after the end of the fiscal year; a city which vendors would not supply necessary products unless it was C.O.D., cash on delivery.

Today, I can tell you that there is no such deficit; that your city is paying its bills on time; and that vendors are now eager to bid for our business. Our financial reporting is up to date, and automation is now the cornerstone of the city's financial system. Last year, we established the city's first Personnel Department and this year we hope to augment this improvement with a money-saving centralized purchasing program.

Since that time, only 5 years ago, the average household is paying \$500 less in property taxes and we have overcome the crisis of Proposition 2½. I am pleased to announce this evening that there will be no property tax increase again this year, even though this would be allowed under the 2½ legislation.

I am also pleased to say that we are seeing that improvements are being made in our school system. Under the able leadership of Superintendent Bob Watson we



are witnessing a return to the basics through programs such as required reading periods and an innovative writing program.

I am pleased to announce that I have been working with the Governor's Education Advisor, the State Commissioner of Education, Tufts University President Jean Mayer and Superintendent Watson to develop a cooperative program between Tufts University and our school system. While we are still in the planning stage, I hope our efforts will result in a state funded pilot grant which will enable Tufts University to lend its expertise and resources to the continued improvement of our educational system.

Despite these substantial gains, lasting improvements will not be fully realized without systematic reform of the city's assessing practices. Property taxes are the largest source of locally generated revenue and our city relies on these funds to pay for the essential services which we provide our citizens. Since the very early days of my administration I have pointed to inequities and inefficiencies in our assessing system and I have called for reform. It has never been my intention to single out individuals, but it has been my intention to bring professional management into the Assessors Office so that we can insure that taxes are fairly distributed amongst all of our taxpayers.

I was later joined in this reform effort by the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee and finally, yet most significantly, in the last municipal election the voters of the city showed their support for reform in a non-binding referendum.

Last month, the Commissioner of the State Department of Revenue issued a 200 page report on assessing practices in Somerville. This report described a system in which excessive abatements were given out each year, open meeting laws were being violated and due process was not occurring.

Tonight I am pleased to report that I have signed and forwarded to the State Legislature a Home Rule Petition which was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen and which authorized the establishment of a fair and efficient Board of Assessors who are appointed and confirmed on the basis of clearly established professional qualifications.

I compliment the Aldermen for their quick and decisive action and I urge our State Delegation to act expeditiously in seeking final legislative approval.

With assessing reform underway, we will be able to take advantage of the growth that has been occurring in Somerville's economy.

During this new year, I urge each and every Somerville resident to take some time to travel the city and see what is being accomplished. What I believe you will see is the rebuilding of the basic strength of our city — our neighborhoods — and the facilities that serve them. This is our future and the goal of this administration: to make Somerville the best neighborhood city in Massachusetts. A city where our elderly, our working families, and our children are all proud to call home.



In East Somerville, there is the new 80,000 square foot high technology plant built by Telelogics, Inc. This company will provide over 250 new jobs for our citizens. On Marshall Street, you will find the construction of new townhouses to be owned and occupied by 32 of our low and moderate income families. In Davis Square, the new subway saves us both time and money as we commute to work; and the square itself is now a pleasant place to work and shop. Most of our parks have been totally refurbished over the past five years and next year we will be completing several others; including Kenney, Glen, Morse-Kelley, and Osgood Parks.

In Union Square, the streets and sidewalks will receive a \$1.8 million dollar face lift next spring and the beautiful new public safety building will open its doors for service. And right next door to City Hall we will all be proud of the education we can provide our children in the new comprehensive high school and vocational trade facility.

John F. Kennedy once said, "A rising tide lifts all boats in the harbor." This, ladies and gentlemen, will be true in Somerville. The strengthening of our neighborhoods and the revitalization of commercial centers benefits us all. Every citizen will be proud of their neighborhood. Every neighborhood will benefit from well managed economic growth.

Our residential neighborhoods are the heart and soul of our city. They are our homes. The protection of our neighborhoods must be paramount. I want to send a clear message to anyone with any greedy thought or intention of engaging in speculation at the expense of our neighborhoods to look elsewhere, because we will have none of it here in Somerville. I have instructed the Public Works Commissioner and the Building Superintendent to make our neighborhoods their priority. I want the building codes and zoning ordinances of this city strictly enforced; I want to work with the Board of Aldermen to increase fines and penalties for illegal sub-divisions and other code violations. A number of the members of the Board of Aldermen have communicated to me their concerns in this area. These concerns will be responded to promptly and aggressively. I can assure you of this.

It is also my belief that effective public safety is vital to safe, stable neighborhoods. For this reason, we have recently purchased new equipment for our Fire Department, including an aerial ladder tower, and we will continue our program of replacement for police cruisers. In 1985 we also plan to reinforce the ranks of our Public Safety Departments by adding 20 new firefighters as well as additional police officers.

Economic growth and effective municipal management have been enhanced by our success in working constructively with the State and Federal Governments. Our objective is to take full advantage of Federal and State resources and to influence laws and legislation in ways favorable to the people of Somerville in ways which protect the majority of our citizens from the special interests in Washington and on Beacon Hill.

These are hard-fought and competitive battles for limited resources. The record of my administration in influencing legislation to increase local aid, and win major grants for economic development, human services and infrastructural improvement is excellent.

In the future, I look forward to working very closely with the new members of our legislative delegation to the state. They are responsible leaders who I have had the pleasure to work with at the local level. I have no doubt that we will work extremely well together and that the people of Somerville will benefit. In fact, we are already cooperating in a push for bold consumer protection legislation in regard to cable television.

Someone once described State Legislators as ambassadors to the strange and foreign country of Beacon Hill — sent to bring back riches to their native land. To the extent that this is true, I say to our new delegation: bring home the beef.

On a serious note, it will be my continued honor to work closely with Governor Michael Dukakis. I look forward to continuing my close contact with him personally and also with several of his very capable and professional cabinet secretaries, most notable, Frank Keefe of Administration and Finance, Fred Salvucci of Transportation, and Amy Anthony in Communities and Development.

In Washington, I have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Tip O'Neil. It has brought great honor and great benefit to our city to have the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives as our friend, colleague and local Congressman.

It is also good to know that we have a friend in our new United States Senator, John Kerry. I'm sure we can look forward to six years of able and eloquent representation in the fine tradition of Paul Tsongas and Senator Kennedy.

While I am pleased that the Commonwealth has finally addressed the serious problems of our district water and sewer infrastructure and the devastating environmental impact of pollution in Boston Harbor, I am very concerned about the implications of this on homeowners in Somerville.

The disgraceful condition of Boston Harbor indirectly affects every resident of our city, and its cleanup will benefit us all. However, I am very concerned with the plan to place the burden of years of neglect on the shoulders of the consumer within the Metropolitan District. And for this reason, I have joined with several mayors in the MDC District to lobby hard for cost reductions and for stronger consumer protection and I will continue to press for more State and Federal funding for this massive undertaking.

Look beneath the surface of any successful organization and you will find certain intangible qualities such as teamwork, communication and commitment. This is as true in government as it is in business and in sports.

Our past achievements and our future success are grounded in a commitment of cooperation between the Executive Office, the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee. These branches of government are now working together in a productive and professional manner and I am very proud to be part of this team of elected officials.

To the members of these boards who have worked with me for the past five years, I say, thank you for the years of hard work and sacrifice. Be proud of what we have accomplished but do not be complacent. We have come a long way but we have much more to accomplish in the coming years.

To those board members who have just completed their first year in elected public office, I say, you have the potential to be among the best in our history. Just remember, when you make important decisions, continue to make them on the basis of what best serves the public, not on the basis of what most pleases the crowd. Do this and you will never go wrong; you will be rewarded with the public trust for many years to come.

To each and every one of you, let us recommit ourselves to the idea that we are just the coordinators of City Government for a brief period in our city's history and that it is our responsibility to make the decision today that will benefit our children tomorrow and for many years to come.

In Somerville, our greatest resource is our people, anyone who knows the city, knows that there is a certain sense of community here which fosters civic involvement and makes the success of the city possible. The people are the fuel which drives Somerville to greatness. The responsibility of City Government is to harness this public enthusiasm and steer it with sound, professional management.

It is vitally important that the people of Somerville appreciate the history and the character of their city and that they recognize the magnitude of its present accomplishments. It is also important that we, as a city, project this good image out into the communities which surround us.

To this end, I am going to convene a working group of individuals representing our city's civic, fraternal, and veterans organizations; as well as our religious and business leaders, to work with me in a non-partisan program of pride which will tell the world what Somerville is all about. We will tell the world that while there is progress and change in our community, certain essential qualities will remain the same: Somerville is a city of caring neighbors, proud neighborhoods and a prosperous economy.

Thank you for this opportunity to address you this evening, and may I wish you and your families a very healthy and happy New Year. Thank you.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Revenue

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

OF

SOMERVILLE

Fiscal 1985

TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Total Amount to be Raised (from Part II, Item E) . . . . .	\$76,195,667.68
2. Total Estimated Receipts and Revenue from Other Sources (from Part III, Item E) . . . . .	46,783,819.12
3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation (subtract Line 2 from Line 1) . . . . .	29,411,848.56
4. Real Property Valuations . . . . .	121,941,430
5. Personal Property Valuations . . . . .	16,826,433
6. Total Property Valuations (add Line 4 and Line 5) . . . . .	138,676,863
7. Tax Rate (divide Line 3 by Line 6, multiply by 1000) . . . . .	211.95
8. Real Property Tax (multiply Line 4 by Line 7) . . . . .	25,848,486.09
9. Personal Property Tax (multiply Line 5 by Line 7) . . . . .	3,566,362.47
10. TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY (add Line 8 and Line 9) . . . . .	<u>\$29,411,848.56</u>

Board of Assessors  
of Somerville



	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 1984	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 1985
<b>SCHEDULE A.</b>		
<b>LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED</b>		
1. Motor vehicle and trailer excise . . . . .	\$1,013,221	\$1,013,000
2. Licenses/fees & permits . . . . .	666,791	667,000
3. Fines (parking) . . . . .	524,678	525,000
4. Special assessments . . . . .		
5. General government/penalties/interest . . . . .		
6. Protection of persons and property/ licenses/miscellaneous . . . . .		
7. Health and sanitation/licenses . . . . .		
8. Highways/licenses . . . . .		
9. School (local receipts of School Committee) . . . . .		
10. Libraries/fines . . . . .		
11. Hospitals . . . . .		
12. Cemeteries . . . . .		
13. Recreation . . . . .		
14. Classified forest land (including forest products tax) . . . . .		
15. Farm animal and machinery excise . . . . .		
16. Interest . . . . .	495,039	495,000
17. Public service enterprises (i.e. Water Department) . . . . .	3,356,547	53,000
18. In lieu of tax payments . . . . .	52,747	53,000
19. Trailer park fees . . . . .		
20. City Clerk/licenses . . . . .		
21. Dog license refunds . . . . .	1,964	
22. Lease of municipal buildings/ licenses . . . . .		
23. Miscellaneous . . . . .	53,521	54,000
24. . . . .		
25. . . . .		
26. Totals	<u>\$6,487,625</u>	<u>\$6,636,000</u>

I hereby certify that the actual receipts from the preceding fiscal year as shown in Column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the fiscal 1984 tax rate recapitulation form by the city, town or district clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met including any adjustments to reflect the use of offset receipts.

Accounting Officer

**II. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED**

<b>A. APPROPRIATIONS</b> (Enter total of Col. (b) through Col. (f) from Schedule B, Page 4 Do not include total of Col. (g) from Schedule B) . . . . .		\$61,204,113.21
<b>B. OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES</b> (Not Requiring Appropriations)		
1. Amounts certified by Collector and Treasurer for tax title purposes — attach copy of certification . . . . .		
2. Debt and interest charges matured and maturing not included in Schedule B-attach explanation of cause . . . . .		
3. Final court judgments-attach listing . . . . .	\$1,399,594.57	
4. Total of overlay deficits of prior years-attach detailed schedule . . . . .	1,898.98	
5. Total offsets-enter from C.S. 1-ER, Part B, subtotal, Education offset items, plus Part C, Line 3, Water Pollution Abatements and Line 4, Cost of Chemicals for Water Pollution Control . . . . .	98,145.00	
6. Revenue deficits . . . . .	—	
7. Offset receipts “deficits” Ch. 44, Sec. 53E . . . . .	—	
Other amounts required to be raised:		
8. Offset under Chap. 598 of the Acts of 1983 . . . . .	4,477,000.00	
9. Appropriation deficits . . . . .	113,848.00	
Total B (Total Lines 1 through 9) . . . . .	6,090,484.55	
<b>C. STATE AND COUNTY CHARGES</b> From Cherry Sheet Estimated Charges (Form C.S. 1-EC, Part E Total Column one plus Column two) . . . . .		6,400,155.00
<b>D. OVERLAY RESERVE FOR TAX ABATEMENTS AND STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS</b> . . . . .		2,500,914.92
<b>E. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b> (Total of Items A through D Enter here and on Line one, Page one) . . . . .		<u><u>\$76,195,667.68</u></u>



III. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND  
REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES

A. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM STATE

1. Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts (Form C.S. 1-ER, Part D) . . . . .	\$37,683,702.00	
2. Cherry Sheet Estimated Charges (Form C.S. 1-EC, Part E, Column 3 Prior Year Overestimates to be used as available funds) . . . . .	11,461.00	
Total A (Total of Lines 1 and 2) Revaluation . . . . .	(723,400.00)	\$36,971,763.00

B. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS—LOCAL

1. Local Estimated Receipts (Schedule A, Col. b, Line 26) . . . . .	6,636,000.00	
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1, Col. b, Line 12) . . . . .		
Total B (Total of Lines 1 and 2) . . . . .	6,636,000.00	

C. FREE CASH AND OTHER REVENUE  
SOURCES APPROPRIATED FOR  
PARTICULAR PURPOSES

1. Free Cash (Schedule B, Col. c) . . . . .	1,181,478.00	
2. Other Available Funds (Schedule B, Col. d)-Specify source . . .	329,908.12	
3. Revenue Sharing (Schedule B, Col. e) .	1,664,670.00	
Total C (Total of Lines 1 through 3) . . . . .	3,176,056.12	

D. FREE CASH AND OTHER REVENUE  
USED SPECIFICALLY TO REDUCE  
THE TAX RATE

1. Free Cash . . . . .		
2. Municipal Light Surplus . . . . .		
3. Other Revenue Sources (specify) . . .		
Total D (Total of Lines 1 through 3) . . . . .		

E. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS  
AND REVENUE FROM  
OTHER SOURCES

(Total of items A through D. Enter here and on Line two, Page one) . . . . .	\$46,783,819.12
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# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Department of Revenue

### SCHOOL TAX RATE RECAPITULATION (G.L. Chapter 59, section 23C, as amended)

SOMERVILLE  
1985 Fiscal Year

#### I. COMPUTATION OF SCHOOL PERCENTAGE

1. Total amount to be raised (Form 31, Page 1, Line 1) . . . . .	\$76,195,581.68
DEDUCTIONS:	
2. Overlays (Form 31, Part IIB, Line 4 and Part IID) . . . . .	\$2,500,916.92
3. Public Service Enterprise Appropriations . . . . .	3,568,403.00
4. Public Service Enterprise Debt & Interest . . . . .	138,955.00
5. Total Deductions (Total of lines 2, 3, 4) . . . . .	6,208,274.92
6. Net amount to be raised (Line 1 less Line 5) . . . . .	\$69,987,306.76
Total school approp. (Part IV, Line 8)	
7. School Percentage $\frac{\text{Total school approp. (Part IV, Line 8)}}{\text{Net amount to be raised (Line 6 above)}}$ =	32.6%

#### II. DETERMINATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

1. Total School Appropriations (Part IV, line 8) . . . . .	\$26,377 666.00
2. Estimated School Income	
3. School Percentage of General Rec	
3. School Percentage of General Receipts 32.6% (Part I, line 7) x General Receipts (Part VI, line 5) . . . . .	6,733,131
4. Total Deductions (line 2 plus line 3) . . . . .	21,260,315.00
5. Net School Appropriations (line 1 less line 4) . . . . .	5,017,351.00
6. School Percentage of Overlays 32.6% (Part 1, line 7) x Overlays 2,500,917 (Part I, line 2) . . . . .	815,299.00
7. School Assessment (Total of lines 5 and 6) . . . . .	\$5,832,650.00

III. COMPUTATION OF SCHOOL  
 AND GENERAL TAX RATES

	School Assessment (Part II, line 7)	\$ 5,832,650.00		
1. School Tax Rate =			=	\$ 42.03
	Valued in Thousands	138,767,863.00		
2. General Tax Rate =				
Total Rate	minus School Rate		=	\$ 169.92

**REPORT OF THE  
AUDITING DEPARTMENT  
FROM JULY 1, 1984  
TO JUNE 30, 1985**

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**  
**June 30, 1985**

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Board of Aldermen	PS	\$105,400	\$105,400	\$	\$
	OM	24,640	24,383	0	257
Auditing Department	PS	135,493	133,952	0	1,541
	OM	86,130	66,651	16,112	3,154
	SI	118,592	77,178	13,967	27,447
Executive Department					
Administration	PS	130,019	129,532	0	487
	OM	23,137	17,628	460	5,029
	SI	18,500	7,244	650	10,606
Cablevision Advisory Board	OM				
Celebration & Conventions	OM	2,400	2,340	0	60
Community Youth Agency	PS	43,982	43,822	0	160
Human Services	OM	20,089	18,485	290	356
SI		12,500	12,500	0	0
Conservation Commission	OM	980	867	0	113
Council for Aging	PS	29,254	28,455	0	799
	OM	9,060	8,111	181	768
	SI	10,000	10,000	0	0
Cultural Affairs	PS				
	OM				
Dog Officer	PS	13,319	13,319	0	0
	OM	30,269	15,547	0	961

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Drug Program	PS				
	OM	500	497	0	3
Historical Commission	OM				
Human Services	PS	27,907	27,770	0	137
	OM	5,418	4,856	381	164
Memorial Day	OM	13,850	11,368	1,150	1,053
Qtrs. for Veterans	OM	3,200	3,150	50	0
Somerville Youth Prog.-Cash Match					
Proj. CCJ 76-156-1115	OM				
Proj. CCJ 77C-204.5111	PS				
Treasury Department	PS	306,503	303,774	0	2,729
Administration	OM	391,776	364,218	27,433	125
	SI	15,597	2,097	13,500	90
Cert. of Notes and Bonds	OM	62,347	62,347	0	0
Land Court Proceedings	OM	12,605	8,910	1,658	2,037
Health & Accident Ins.	OM	4,027,264	3,993,417	0	26,303
Board of Assessors	PS	91,832	87,260	0	4,572
	OM	47,896	43,602	867	3,427
	SI				
City Clerk's Department	PS	133,064	132,996	0	68
	OM	28,040	11,550	0	16,490
Vital Statistics	OM				
Clerk of Committees	PS	29,427	29,427	0	0
	OM	400	248	0	152
Law Department	PS	118,584	118,333	0	3,576
	OM	127,322	104,743	14,987	7,547
	SI	6,221,540	6,162,269	6,242	53,029

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Licensing Commission	PS	23,300	23,227	0	73
	OM	2,045	1,993	0	52
City Messenger	PS	22,904	22,904	0	0
	OM	650	649	0	1
Board of Appeals	PS	11,700	11,561	0	139
	OM	1,675	1,557	0	18
Redevelopment Authority	PS	9,250	8,750	0	500
Planning Board	PS	64,329	63,745	0	584
	OM	300	300	0	0
Election Expenses	SI	98,000	0	0	98,000
Board of Election Comm.	PS	91,477	88,363	0	3,114
	OM	69,342	41,703	0	3,769
Protection to Persons & Property		346,799	209,729	0	137,070
Civil Defense Department	PS	15,755	15,705	0	50
	OM	25,050	13,694	1,400	9,956
	EQP	1,500	0	0	1,500
Fire Department	PS	4,359,199	4,146,586	0	—
	OM	385,231	300,114	37,952	3,103
Police Department	PS	4,309,815	4,169,144	0	—
	OM	318,401	575,503	55,845	5,371
	97,990	94,711	2,664		605
	SI	7,220	7,019	0	201
Police—Matching Funds:					
Auto Theft Bureau	PS				
CCJ Grant 76C.158,0438	OM				



Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Field Operations	PS				
CCJ Grant 76C.160,0343					
Planning & Research Unit	PS				
CCJ Grant 76C.155.0212	PS	66,359	66,308	0	51
Weights & Measures Dept.	OM	2,987	1,326	1,317	251
	SI	900	800	0	100
HEALTH & SANITATION					
Board of Health	PS	375,613	373,698	0	1,915
	OM	24,175	20,646	1,002	2,102
	SI				
VETERANS SERVICES BENEFITS					
Veterans Services Dept.	EQP	1,968	1,891	0	77
	PS	110,542	104,848	0	5,694
	OM	100,112	96,615	3,256	241
Graves Registration	PS	1,000	1,000	0	0
	OM	495	354	0	141
	SI	2,000	0	0	2,000
EDUCATION					
School Department Admin.	PS	813,833	813,833	0	0
	OM				
School Teachers Salaries	PS	13,576,426	13,576,365	0	61
School Athletic Program	OM	67,701	124,067	10,302	1

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
School Bldg. Maint.	PS	1,290,096	1,290,096	0	0
	OM	2,269,814	2,075,000	193,856	3
Total School Contingent		1,205,853	41,189	0	4,568
School Lunch Program	PS	100,344	100,344	0	0
School Outside Tuition and Transp.	OM				
School Special Needs	OM	1,155,658	1,112,232	28,644	14,753
School Public Law 864	OM				
<b>LIBRARIES</b>					
Central & Branch Libraries	PS	549,929	547,894	0	2,035
	OM	163,964	145,829	15,667	2,432
	EQP	28,651	28,651	0	0
	SI	115,500	104,500	11,000	0
<b>RECREATION</b>					
Recreation Commission	PS	223,515	223,425	0	90
	OM	27,087	25,500	939	623
	EQP				
<b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS</b>					
Reduction of Funded Debt	OM	2,560,000	2,560,000	0	0
Interest	OM	1,619,115	1,483,655	0	135,460
<b>COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS</b>					
Workmen's Compensation	OM	134,322	128,868	0	5,454
Somerville Retirement Sys. Exp. Fund	PS	82,790	—	0	82,790

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Somerville Retirement Sys. Exp. Fund	OM	42,815	125,605	0	125,605
Pension Accumulation Fund	OM	6,574,962	6,129,308	0	445,654
Non-Contributory Pensions	OM	1,260,684	1,084,191	80,121	96,284
Non-Contributory Sec. 101 Allowance	OM	64,686	56,492	0	8,194
Annuities	OM	47,352	37,197	0	10,155
UNCLASSIFIED					
Dmge. to Persons & Property	OM	346,799	209,729		17,010
Full Circle	PS	200,005	199,977	0	28
	OM	21,491	14,672	6,809	4
	EQP	15,000	14,926	0	74
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS					
Dept. of Public Works Admin.	PS	70,007	67,941	0	2,066
	OM	261,294	232,130	12,971	16,193
	EQP	362,854	303,901	0	58,899
	SI	790,414	260,369	58,282	47,080
H.U.D. Grant OSL MA 01-06-1027					
Capital Imprvt. to Parks					
and Playgrounds					
D.O.I. Grant Bureau of Outdoor					
Recreation--Renovations to					
Trum Field Park					
BOST DOI 25-00120					
P.W.D. Electrical Division	PS	442,348	442,348	0	0
	OM	856,754	818,024	11,752	25,732
	EQP	15,200	0	0	15,200

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
P.W.D. Engineering Division Admin.	Labor	123,308	123,307	0	1
	OM	2,566	4,734	285	21
	EQP	920	918	0	2
Parks & Playgrounds Div.	OM	54,812	3,402	9,573	3,810
	Labor	207,715	207,715	0	0
Sewers Division	OM	64,521	64,312	0	155
	Labor	142,859	142,738	0	121
P.W.D. Highway Division	PS	801,989	794,783	0	7,206
	OM	231,216	212,285	14,660	2,618
	LS	200,614	120,454	1,475	88,064
Land Off-Street Parking	OM				
Parking Lot Account	OM				
Snow Removal Expenses					
Chapter 90—Highway Projects					
Parking Meters Division	PS	38,031	39,222	0	0
	OM	8,046	835	390	5,584
P.W.D. Sanitary Division	Labor	1,024,689	1,014,874	0	9,815
	OM	787,002	739,345	47,067	18
	EQP	1,866	1,382	0	368
P.W.D. Bldgs. & Grounds	Labor	462,065	460,583	0	1,482
	OM	771,386	1,500,163	38,313	4,296
	EQP	1,250,845	1,202,055	43,011	5,779
P.W.D. Maint. Munic. Bldgs. Div.	Labor				
	OM				
	SI				

Name of Account		Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
P.W.D. Water Division	Labor	355,677	352,096	0	3,581
	OM	278,931	258,495	19,536	900
	SI	1,218,059	1,115,719	76,063	26,276
Next Wave	PS	147,563	147,308	0	255
	OM	30,444	28,633	1,141	520
	EQP	20,868	26,061	651	15,024
Human Development	PS	44,511	44,510	0	1
Personnel	PS	31,900	30,891	0	1,009
	OM	2,414	2,391	0	23
	EQP	6,586	2,586	0	4,000
					7,551
Unemployment Comp.		45,544	37,983	0	
TOTALS FISCAL YEAR 1976					
Employee Assistance Program	PS	19,746	19,746	0	0
	OM	20,246	20,083	0	163
Purchasing	PS	1,600	1,600	0	0
Condo. Review Bd.	PS	5,700	4,700	0	1,000
	OM	900	118	0	782

Name of Account	Total Appropriations	Total Expenses	Encumbered Balances	Unencumbered Balances
Traffic/Parking				
PS	140,565	139,613	0	952
OM	230,757	196,702	28,936	1,609
EQP	71,954	64,838	320	6,796
SI	62,578	16,431	25,000	21,147

## REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

Office of the City Clerk  
July 1, 1985

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred fourteenth Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1985 — June 30, 1985.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For Dog Licenses issued in FY 1984-1985:

821 Males at \$3.00	\$ 2,463.00	
103 Females at \$6.00	618.00	
457 Spayed at \$3.00	1,371.00	
1 Kennel at \$10.00	10.00	
1 Kennel at \$50.00	50.00	
4 Transfers at \$.25	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,513.00

For Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued in FY 1984-1985:

473 Fishing at \$12.50	\$ 5,912.50	
14 Fishing (Age 65-69) at \$6.25	87.50	
251 Hunting at \$12.50	3,137.50	
1 Hunting (Age 65-69) at \$6.25	6.25	
129 Sporting at \$19.50	2,515.50	
4 Sporting (Age 65-69) at \$9.75	39.00	
20 Minor Fishing at \$6.50	130.00	
8 Res. Alien Fishing at \$14.50	116.00	
48 Res. Alien Hunting at \$19.50	936.00	
7 Non-Res. Cit./Alien Fishing at \$17.50	122.50	
1 Non-Res. Cit./Alien Fish. (7 Days) at \$11.50	11.50	
7 Duplicates at \$2.00	14.00	
78 Waterfowl Stamps at \$1.25	97.50	
20 Archery Stamps at \$5.10	102.00	
3 Res. Cit. Trapping at \$20.50	61.50	
	<hr/>	\$13,289.25



Recording Mortgages, Assignments, etc.	\$ 8,295.00	
Certificates of Marriage Intentions	5,710.00	
Furnishing Copies of Records	21,214.95	
		\$35,219.95
Licenses:		
Astrologer	\$ 2.00	
Auctioneers:		
14 at \$ 25.00	350.00	
Billiard Pool Tables and Bowling Alleys:		
1 at \$ 15.00 (Billiard Table)		
1 at \$ 30.00 (Billiard Table)		
14 at \$ 15.00 (Pool Tables)		
2 at \$ 30.00 (Pool Tables)		
35 at \$ 15.00 (Bowling Alleys)		
4 at \$ 30.00 (Bowling Alleys)	960.00	
Bus Route	10.00	
Constables	325.00	
Garages:		
3 at \$ 25.00		
3 at \$ 50.00	225.00	
Garage Renewals	2,702.50	
Hackney Carriages:		
96 at \$ 50.00	4,800.00	
Junk Dealers:		
8 at \$100.00	800.00	
Junk Shop:		
15 at \$ 50.00	750.00	
Lodging Houses:		
30 at \$ 50.00	1,500.00	
Outdoor Parking:		
815 at \$ 2.00	1,630.00	
Physician Registration	20.00	
Projection Over Sidewalk		
6 at \$ 25.00	150.00	
Raffle and Bazaar Permits	340.00	
Second Hand Auto Dealers:		
84 at \$ 75.00		
4 at \$125.00		
4 at \$150.00	7,650.00	
Special Police	875.00	
Steam Engine	20.00	
Storage of Explosives:		
1 at \$150.00		
4 at \$300.00	1,350.00	
Storage of Explosives—Renewal	12,400.00	
Sworn Weighers	150.00	
Taxi Stand Licenses:		
41 at \$ 10.00	410.00	
Transient Vendors:		
12 at \$ 52.00	624.00	

Advertising	325.00
Certified Mail	47.79
Closing Out Sale	6.00
Conduits	395.00
Copies of Condominium Conversion Books	100.00
Copies of Zoning Ordinances	1,760.70
Duplicate Dog Tags	9.25
Fair Housing Ordinance	3.50
Gas Mains	90.00
Pole Location	85.00

\$76,085.69

To the City Treasurer for Dog Licenses in FY 1984-1985:

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1 Kennel at \$50.00	50.00
4 Transfers at \$.25	1.00

\$4,513.00

Less City Clerk's Fees

1383 at \$.75	\$1,037.25	
4 Trans. at \$.25	1.00	— 1,038.25

\$ 3,474.75

To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for Fishing,  
Hunting Licenses, etc. in FY 1984-1985:

473 Fishing at \$12.50	\$ 5,912.50
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Less City Clerk's Fees:

959 at \$.50	\$479.50
78 at \$.25	19.50
20 at \$.10	2.00

— 501.00

\$12,788.25

To City Treasurer Monthly:

All the receipts above specified except for  
Fishing, Hunting Licenses and Dog Licenses.

\$76,085.69

Total including Fishing, Hunting and Dog Licenses

\$92,348.69

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Besides the Licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of Receipts, Licenses and Permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge, as follows:

- 1 Bike-A-Thon
- 1 Block Party
- 1 Kids Day
- 1 Parade with Music
- 3 Road Races
- 2 Sacred Concerts
- 3 Sidewalk Sales
- 1 Solicit Funds
- 2 Street Closings
- 4 Walk-A-Thons

## BIRTHS – FY 1984-1985

Births in Somerville with Physician in Attendance		
Females	0	
Males	0	0
Births in Somerville without Physician in Attendance		
Females	3	
Males	1	4
Registered Births in Other Places		
Females	362	
Males	393	755
Total		759
Born of American Parents . . . . . 512		
Born of Foreign Parents . . . . . 174		
Born of American Father, Foreign Mother . . . . . 31		
Born of American Mother, Foreign Father . . . . . 42		
Born of Unknown Parents . . . . . 0		
Total		759
Number of Twins . . . . . 7		
Number of Triplets . . . . . 1		

## MARRIAGES – FY 1984-1985

Number of Intentions Issued . . . . .	576
Less Than Previous Year . . . . .	57
Number of Marriages Registered . . . . .	572
Less Than Previous Year . . . . .	29
Both Parties American . . . . .	440
Both Parties Foreign . . . . .	58
American Bride and Foreign Groom . . . . .	43
American Groom and Foreign Bride . . . . .	27
Total . . . . .	<u>572</u>
First Marriage . . . . .	903
Second Marriage . . . . .	217
Third Marriage . . . . .	22
Fourth Marriage . . . . .	2
Total . . . . .	<u>1,144</u>

## DEATHS – FY 1984-1985

Died in the City . . . . .	451
Died Outside of the City . . . . .	427
Total. . . . .	878
Males . . . . .	434
Females . . . . .	<u>444</u>
Total. . . . .	878
Age of the Oldest Person that Died . . . . .	104
Last record figured in the Annual Report is 464 for 1984 and 245 for 1984.	

**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS  
1985**

To the Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Board of Election Commissioners respectfully submit the following report for the year 1985.

**REGISTRATION**

Before the Preliminary, registration was held in the office at City Hall beginning on January 2, 1985 and continuing until September 18, 1985 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. every day except Saturday.

Evening registration was held from September 10, 1985 through September 18, 1985 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Also Saturday, September 14, 1985, from 12 noon to 8:00 P.M.

The last day of registration before the Preliminary Election was held at City Hall from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 18, 1985.

Number of Registered Voters	38,338
Number of Additional Voters	<u>678</u>
Total Number of Registered Voters	39,016

**REGISTRATION**

Before the City Election, registration was held daily, evenings and Saturday from October 10, 1985 through October 16, 1985.

Last day of registration before the City Election was held at City Hall from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 16, 1985.

Number of Registered Voters	39,016
Number of Additional Voters	<u>177</u>
Total Number of Registered Voters	39,193

## INITIATIVE PETITIONS

The Board of Election Commissioners received the following petitions for certification. They were as follows:

### Rescind Chapter 416 Acts of 1985 (Seat Belt Law)

Number of Petitions	60
Number of Signatures	1,110

- A Petition (Authorizing the Commonwealth Cities and Towns to control construction costs and create job opportunities).

Number of Petitions	53
Number of Signatures	125

- C Petition (For a law phasing out the surtax on the State Personal Income Tax and limiting State Revenue Growth to the level of Growth in State wages and salaries).

Number of Petitions	31
Number of Signatures	623

- D Petition (Establishing a Citizens Utility Board).

Number of Petitions	169
Number of Signatures	968

- E Petition (To limit acid rain and acid deposition in Massachusetts).

Number of Petitions	185
Number of Signatures	1,123

- H Petition (Provide a more effective and simplified voter registration).

Number of Petitions	225
Number of Signatures	1,902

- J Petition (For timely and effective cleanups and emergency relief at oil and hazardous material disposal sites).

Number of Petitions	188
Number of Signatures	1,140



**REPORT OF THE  
LISTING BOARD**

To the Honorable, the Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Listing Board of the City of Somerville respectfully submits the following  
report for the year 1985.

Listing of males and females, seventeen years of age and upwards.

Respectfully submitted,

Listing Board

Male under 17	5,533	Male 17 and over	27,293
Female under 17	5,414	Female 17 and over	33,188
Total number of Residents		71,428	

**VOTERS**

Republican	2,300
Democrat	28,487
Independent	8,406
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Total	39,193

**RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE PRELIMINARY ELECTION**  
**October 8, 1985**

<b>TOTAL VOTE CAST</b>	<b>11,122</b>
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**FOR MAYOR**

Michael Manupelli	818
Eugene C. Brune	9,042
Albert Joseph Onessimo	701
Blanks	561

**FOR ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE**

Francis Leo McCarthy	2,849
Raymond F. MacDonald	667
Michael Nionakis	883
James E. Scanlon	1,269
Patricia A. Berg	2,943
Vincent Paul Ciampa	4,191
John J. McKenna	3,168
Charles J. (Charlie) Chisholm	1,578
Anthony M. Marinello	1,813
Herbert Vargas	988
Donald F. Norton	555
Matthew J. Buckley	1,440
John J. Howe	3,348
Helen Corrigan	2,830
William J. Carr	518
George L. Leavitt, Jr.	402
Michael E. Capuano	4,523
Blanks	10,523

**FOR ALDERMAN—WARD ONE**

Jay Keane	158
Rudolph A. Pino	193
Michael A. Gentile	1,027
Blanks	43

**ALDERMAN—WARD TWO**

Mark Grassia	351
Francis P. Bakey	302
Robert P. Callahan	489
Catherine Qualitz	129
Thomas N. Bergendahl	205
Blanks	49

**ALDERMAN—WARD THREE (No Contest)**

**ALDERMAN—WARD FOUR**

Arthur Murch	51
Thomas D. Leavitt	53
John R. Buonomo	1,310
James G. O'Connor	762
Blanks	69

**ALDERMAN—WARD FIVE (No Contest)****ALDERMAN—WARD SIX**

John M. Connolly	686
Eugene J. Binari	479
Kevin J. Palmer	247
Blanks	69

**ALDERMAN—WARD SEVEN (No Contest)****SCHOOL COMMITTEE—ALL WARDS (No Contest)****RECORD OF VOTES CAST AT THE CITY ELECTION****November 5, 1985**

<b>TOTAL VOTE CAST</b>	<b>14,469</b>
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**FOR MAYOR**

Eugene C. Brune	11,934
Michael Manupelli	1,821
Blanks	714

**FOR ALDERMAN-AT-LARGE**

Vincent Paul Ciampa	6,995
John J. McKenna	5,972
Patricia A. Berg	5,834
Michael E. Capuano	6,923
Helen Corrigan	6,190
John J. Howe	5,198
Anthony M. Marinello	3,473
Francis Leo McCarthy	3,696
Blanks	13,595

**FOR ALDERMAN—WARD ONE**

Michael A. Gentile	1,333
Rudolph A. Pino	352
Blanks	69

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD TWO

Robert P. Callahan	981
Mark Grassia	840
Blanks	45

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD THREE

Michael D. McKenna	1,217
Blanks	528

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD FOUR

John R. Buonomo	1,743
James G. O'Connor	1,001
Blanks	99

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD FIVE

Joseph R. Macaluso	1,695
Blanks	539

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD SIX

John M. Connolly	1,139
Eugene J. Binari	822
Blanks	100

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD SEVEN

Cathleen O'Dea	1,503
Blanks	463

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD ONE

Emerald (Dolly) Aruda	540
Celia L. Courtney	1,114
Blanks	100

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD TWO

Patricia D. Jehlen	1,492
Blanks	374

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD THREE

Thomas F. Taylor	1,324
Blanks	421

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD FOUR

Maryann C. Cappello	1,936
Ron Racca	788
Blanks	119

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD FIVE

Stanley M. Koty, Jr.	1,695
Blanks	539

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD SIX

Julia Anne DiPasquale	1,433
Libby G. Fulgione	455
Blanks	173

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE—WARD SEVEN

Judith de la Paz	1,416
Blanks	550



**BOARD OF HEALTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
YEAR -- 1985**

**Board Members:**

**Dr. Frank Ciampa, Chairman  
Mr. John Gentile, Member  
Mr. Sam Lake, Member  
Mr. Paul X. Murphy, Director**



## LICENSES – PERMITS – INOCULATIONS

Cash received for the following:

1. Food Service Permits	3 Permits @ \$12.50	\$ 37.50
2. Food Service Permits	301 Permits @ 25.00	7,525.00
3. Retail Food Permits	390 Permits @ 25.00	9,750.00
4. Milk & Ice Cream Combination	177 Permits @ 15.00	2,655.00
5. Milk Licenses	46 Permits @ 10.00	460.00
6. Ice Cream Licenses	19 Permits @ 5.00	95.00
7. Ice Cream Manufacturing	22 Permits @ 5.00	110.00
8. Physical Therapist	1 License @ 5.00	5.00
9. Rabies Inoculation	106 Inocula @ 5.00	530.00
10. Funeral Directors Licenses	17 Licenses @ 10.00	170.00
Total Cash Received		<u>\$21,337.50</u>

Flu inoculations administered to residents of Somerville 60 years of age and over, school personnel, nursing homes, city employees, and patients with chronic diseases.

Breakdown as follows:

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1. Board of Health Clinic	468	543	547	277	477
2. Homebound-Board of Health Nurse	31	25	58	20	22
3. Aging Center, Davis Square	0	0	0	176	166
4. Visiting Nurses, 162 Highland Ave.	0	0	0	28	20
5. School Personnel, Board of Health Nurses	83	54	136	118	137
6. Bryant Manor, 72 Myrtle St.	105	57	61	64	83
7. Faulkner Apts., 25 Highland Ave.	50	75	79	70	75
8. Highland Gardens, 114 Highland Ave.	58	50	41	50	31
9. Warren Ave. Manor, 13 Warren Ave.	89	80	69	46	91
10. Weston Manor, 15 Weston Ave.	150	119	153	106	53
11. Capen Court, Capen Court	73	68	52	60	76
12. Prospect Hill Manor, 252 Medford St.	84	64	84	84	84
13. Corbett Apts., 32 Jaques St.	108	74	91	70	97
14. Corbett Apts., 125 Jaques St.	0	0	0	15	27
15. Mt. Pleasant Apts., Mt. Pleasant Ct.	0	42	35	29	29
16. Cobble Hill Apts., 84 Washington St.	0	23	62	71	60
17. Cross St. Elderly, 43 Cross St.	0	54	125	62	93
18. Holy Rosary Home, 186 Highland Ave.	110	100	180	150	120
19. Nursing Homes	0	236	205	210	213

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
20. Private Physicians	0	120	94	79	60
21. Ames Envelope, Properzi Way	0	0	57	71	98
22. Somerville Hosp., 236 Highland Ave.	0	0	0	0	73
Total Vaccine Administered	1,409	1,784	2,129	1,856	2,155

#### Animal Bites reported to Board of Health — 78

Dog Bites	73
Cat Bites	3
Squirrel Bites	2
Total Bites	78

The above animal bites were reported to the Animal Officer for appropriate action. Where possible the animal was ordered restrained.

The yearly Rabies Clinic was conducted at the rear of the Public Works building on Saturday, March 30, 1985.

106 Dogs Inoculated @ \$5.00 each

Total Collected . . . . . \$530.00

#### Housing Inspection Division conducted the following:

##### Breakdown of Telephone Complaints

1. Unsanitary Conditions in House . . . . .	32
2. Rubbish/Garbage . . . . .	257
3. Plumbing . . . . .	55
4. Electrical . . . . .	42
5. Heat . . . . .	117
6. Rodents (mice/rats) . . . . .	231
7. Interior & Exterior . . . . .	98
8. Dogs, Cats, etc. . . . .	12
9. Roaches . . . . .	93
10. Miscellaneous . . . . .	240
11. Water & Sewage . . . . .	—
Total Complaints . . . . .	1,177

Areas Cleaned by Health Department Personnel . . . . .	75
Referrals to Various City Departments . . . . .	130
Total Housing Inspections Conducted . . . . .	444
Violations Reported . . . . .	227
Re-inspections Conducted . . . . .	433
Violations Corrected . . . . .	161

#### Breakdown of Court Cases

Superior Court Cases . . . . .	0
Court Complaints (Trials) . . . . .	20
Court Appearances . . . . .	44
<b>Total Court Appearances . . . . .</b>	<b>67</b>
Legal Notices Served (Regular Mail) . . . . .	877
Legal Notices Served (Certified Mail) . . . . .	58
<b>Total Legal Notices Sent . . . . .</b>	<b>935</b>

\*Some Re-inspections conducted because original inspection made prior to January 1, 1985.

Sanitary Inspection Divison conducted the following:

1. Routine inspection of food establishments, schools, nursing homes, and day care centers.
2. Citizens complaints (see list following).
3. Departmental referrals.
4. Complaints from various agencies.

Following is a summary of complaints conducted by the Sanitary Inspectors.

1. Rubbish/Garbage . . . . .	109
2. Trash Cans/Sidewalk Trash . . . . .	94
3. Dumpsters . . . . .	19
4. Dogs, Cats, etc. . . . .	25
5. Vacant/Parking Lots . . . . .	30
6. Rodents/Roaches . . . . .	8
7. Water/Plumbing/Sewers . . . . .	11
8. Odors/Smoke/Environment . . . . .	24
9. Livestock . . . . .	6
10. Hedges/Bushes/Shrubs . . . . .	13
11. Heat . . . . .	1

12. Variety/Bakery/Grocery Stores . . . . .	24
13. Mobile Vendors . . . . .	2
14. Restaurants/Theatres . . . . .	32
15. Miscellaneous . . . . .	19
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Total Complaints Inspected . . . . .	417
Food Establishments Inspected Twice a Year . . . . .	780
Citations Issued to Restaurants/Stores for Violations . . . . .	78
Mobile Units Inspected . . . . .	15



# SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES REPORTING FORM

School: **SOMERVILLE**  
Year: **1985**

## I. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

### MDPH/DFHS

R = regular  
T = transfer  
Sp = special reasons

GRADE	REASON FOR EXAMINATION	EXAMINATIONS				FINDINGS				FOLLOW-UP				n.	o.	p.
		BY LOCAL PHYSICIAN	BY SCHOOL PHYSICIAN	BY SNP	TOTAL EXAMS	INTERVAL HEALTH (X)'S OR INTERVIEWS	CHILDREN WITH NEW DEFECTS	CHILDREN WITH PREVIOUSLY KNOWN DEFECTS	ALREADY UNDER CARE	REFERRALS MADE	UNDER CARE	NO RX NEEDED	INCOMPLETE			
K	R	580	46	—	626	290	4	13	10	1	3	—	—	—	249	—
	T	4			4											
	Sp															
I	R	14	3		17	4									4	1
	T	9	5		14	11									11	
	Sp		1		1			1							1	
IV	R	360	601		961	302	22	20	23	16	19	—	12	12	283	15
	T															
	Sp															
V	R	3	8		11	6	1	1	1	1			1	1	6	
	T	11	4		15	14									17	
	Sp	7	3		10										1	
9th	R	433	254		687	3	8	3	—	8	5	3			3	
	T															
	Sp															
Smile	R	43	21		64	147	6	6	6	6	1		4	4	15	
	T															
	Sp															
Bi-Ling	all	37	36		73	26	7			7	5	2			73	
Sports	all															
Total		1501	1040		2541	803	47	43	39	38	33	5	17	17	663	16

(Revised 9/81)

## II. VISION TESTING

### TOTAL GRADE ENROLLMENT

### KNOWN/REPEAT FAILURES

### NEW FAILURES

### FOLLOW-UP

### FOLLOW-UP

### FOLLOW-UP

GRADE

NUMBER TESTED

TOTAL FAILURES

NEW FAILURES

REFERRED

UNDER CARE

NO RX NEEDED

INCOMPLETE

REPEAT FAILURES

UNDER APPROPRIATE CARE

REFERRED

UNDER CARE

NO RX NEEDED

INCOMPLETE

# COMPLETED FROM LAST YEAR

UNDER CARE

NO RX NEEDED

GRADE	NUMBER TESTED	TOTAL FAILURES	NEW FAILURES	REFERRED	UNDER CARE	NO RX NEEDED	INCOMPLETE	REPEAT FAILURES	UNDER APPROPRIATE CARE	REFERRED	UNDER CARE	NO RX NEEDED	FOLLOW-UP	# COMPLETED FROM LAST YEAR	UNDER CARE	NO RX NEEDED
K	610	10	8	8	8	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	642	45	31	31	24	4	3	14	11	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
2	577	41	14	14	9	2	3	27	14	13	7	2	4	—	—	—
3	538	46	18	18	13	3	2	28	14	14	9	2	3	—	—	—
4	609	202	44	44	36	3	5	50	28	21	18	—	8	—	—	—
5	581	104	28	28	18	2	8	76	35	49	26	7	8	—	—	—
6	621	98	23	23	18	2	3	75	40	35	16	6	13	—	—	—
7	658	103	26	26	17	1	8	77	53	23	11	4	9	—	—	—
8	690	94	16	16	11	—	5	72	43	24	13	4	7	—	—	—
9	606	88	13	13	10	1	2	65	40	50	30	5	15	—	—	—
Smile	198	12	12	12	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Emotion Distur	138	31	6	6	4	1	1	25	11	14	10	—	4	—	—	—
Bi-Ling	241	12	11	11	6	—	5	11	3	6	2	—	4	—	—	—
ungraded	64	3	3	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pre-School	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6773	889	253	253	177	20	56	522	294	252	145	30	75	—	—	—

### III. HEARING TEST

#### ENROLLMENT

School: Somerville  
Year: 1985

GRADE	NUMBER TESTED	TOTAL FAILURES	NEW FAILURES				FOLLOW-UP				KNOWN/REPEAT FAILURES				INCOMPLETE	# COMPLETED FROM LAST YEAR	UNDER CARE	NO R. NEEDED
			a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.	g.	h.	i.	j.	k.	l.	m.			
K	563	35			31	31	22	5	4	4		4	1	2	1			
1	661	41			20	20	17	1	2	21	5	16	16	3	1			
2	577	35			12	12	9	2	1	23	8	15	6	8	1			
3	541	21			6	6	4	1	1	15	6	9	7	3	1			
4	605	37			10	10	7	—	3	27	10	17	13	3	4			
5	588	14			3	3	3	—	—	11	5	6	4	—	2			
6	613	23			10	10	8	—	2	13	10	3	1	1	1			
7	662	41			10	10	2	3	5	26	18	7	8	5	1			
8	693	34			7	7	6	—	1	27	18	9	9	3	3			
9	624	44			15	15	10	1	4	29	15	24	12	1	15			
Smile	161	8			8	8	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Emotion Distur	99	4			2	2	2	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	1			
Bi-Ling	241	16			8	8	5	—	3	8	4	4	4	1	2			
un-graded	102	16			5	5	3	—	2	11	8	3	2	—	1			
pre-school	88	9			9	9	3	2	4									
Total	6818	378			156	156	103	15	38	216	108	118	83	30	34			



IV. HEALTH COUNSELLING BY NURSES & PHYSICIANS

		Type (✓)		Clientele (✓)			Number Served			Referrals made to :  k	
Counselling Topic or Subject	a	Alone	As Member of Team	Students	Parents	Staff	g (Specify)	h Individuals Counselled	i # of Sessions Held		j Attendance Per Session
		q	c	d	e	f					
Individual Counselling	Hygiene	✓		✓	✓	✓		47	19	11	M.G.H. Adolescent Clinic
	Alcohol – Drugs		✓	✓	✓	✓					
	Smoking	✓		✓	✓	✓		7			
	Diabetes	✓		✓	✓	✓		3	14	3	
	Obesity	✓		✓	✓	✓		2	10	2	
	Health Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
	Child Abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		13	11	7	
	Growth/Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Group Counselling	Sex Education: pregnancy/menstruation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		274	10	112	Adolescent Clinic Film Presentation Camb. Adolesc. Clinic
	Hypertension Medication Compliance	✓	✓					3	3	3	
	First Aid: Poison/Seizures	✓	✓			✓		325	20	35	Family Physician
	Hygiene/Exercise	✓	✓	Classroom Disc.				660	36	52	
	Health Education	✓	✓					5	2	1	
	Alcohol/Drug Abuse	✓	✓					43	5	43	Somerville Hosp. Central Hosp. Joslin Clinic
	Diabetes/Diet/Obesity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		8	7	7	

# V. POSTURAL SCREENING FINAL REPORT

School: **SOMERVILLE**  
School System: **SOMERVILLE**

Year of Report: **1985**

## RESULTS OF PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION

### SCREENING RESULTS

1 2 3 4 5

GRADE M - Male, F - Female  
TOTAL NUMBER SCREENED  
NUMBER UNDER TREATMENT PRIOR TO SCREENING  
NUMBER REFERRED FOR SCREENING  
NUMBER QUESTIONABLE NOT REFERRED TO M.D.  
NUMBER CONFIRMED FINDINGS REFERRED TO M.D.

DIAGNOSIS  
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14  
SCOLIOSIS KYPHOSIS NORMAL OTHER  
OBSERVATION BRACING SURGERY NONE/ UNKNOWN  
FOLLOW-UP

COMMENTS

5M	326	—	12	8	4	2	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	1
5F	285	4	8	4	4	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	1
6M	288	4	11	11	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	1 Boy Moved
6F	344	11	9	6	4	2	—	1	3	6	—	—	—	—
7M	340	2	9	6	4	—	—	2	2	4	—	—	1	—
7F	323	8	10	5	6	4	—	2	1	5	2	—	—	—
8M	310	4	8	5	3	—	—	1	1	5	—	—	1	1
8F	324	11	6	4	6	2	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	1 Back Exercises
9M	864	2	15	5	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
9F	116	—	12	6	6	4	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
Total	3200	46	100	60	41	18	2	10	9	34	3	—	1	7

## DIRECTIONS:

A single report for the entire school system is preferred; however, a separate report for each school may be sent if you wish.

## 1. SCREENING RESULTS:

- record numbers in each column for appropriate grade and sex of children screened.
- column 4 is for those children with questionable findings et this screening who have not been referred to a physician.

## 2. RESULTS OF PHYSICIAN'S EXAMINATION

- This section should report the results of medical findings on children referred from this year's screening.
- column 13 indicates those children who were diagnosed by a physician but the treatment recommended for them is unknown to you.
- FOLLOW-UP INCOMPLETE**
  - column 14 indicates those children who were referred but for whom either no report has been received from their physician or whose parents have not completed the follow-up.

## VI. 766 INVOLVEMENT BY NURSES

766 Activity	# Sessions Attended	# Children Served
a. 3-4 yr. old screenings	13	19
b. Pre-K screenings	10	41
c. Physical Assessments	14	29
d. Home Assessments	4	4
e. Team Conferences	64	83
f. Other: Behavioral	3	3
g. Other: Film: A New You Coming	Boys-100	Girls-90

## VII. IMMUNIZATIONS

	DPT	Polio	MMR	Measles	Mumps	Rubella
Initial Series	61	94	65			
Boosters	533	203	59			

Throat Cultures — 374

## VIII. TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING

	Tested Used	# Tested	# Read	# Positive	# Referred	False Positive	Under Care	Incom- plete
Entrants	Sclavo							
	P.P.D.	50	50	3	3			
Transfers	P.P.D.	51	51					
Staff	P.P.D.	20	20	1	1		1	

## IX. ADDITIONAL REPORTS OR DATA (attach as appropriate)

# Review of Public Health Procedures:

## Weekly Immunization Clinic Conducted Wednesday 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Free of Charge

Age Group	M.M.R.	Polio	D.T.P.	T.D.	P.P.D.	
Under one year of age	0	9	9	9	Male	Female
1 to 4 years of age	6	7	10	0	0	0
5 to 9 years of age	8	13	5	7	0	0
10 to 14 years of age	1	3	0	3	0	0
15 to 19 years of age	9	7	0	10	0	3
20 years of age & over	3	0	0	0	36	118
Total of Immunization	27	39	24	20	154	

## Tuberculin Testing Conducted

Location	Age	Male	Female	Neg.	Pos.	Referred
1. Bd. of Health Clinic	Various	36	118	143	11	11
2.*Local Industrial Plant	None					
3. Day Care Center	None					
4. Food Establishment	None					

Total Tested — 154

\*Follow-up conducted 3 months after original testing.

\*\*Referral made to appropriate agency when positive test found.

1. T.B. admission to Waltham San.	2	Male 2	Female 0
2. T.B. treated with Medication	7	Male 5	Female 2

## Contagious Diseases Reported to the Board of Health

1. Salmonellosis . . . . .	43	Brucellosis . . . . .	1
2. Chicken Pox . . . . .	34	Dysentery Amebic . . . . .	1
3. Streptococcal . . . . .	32	Measles . . . . .	2
4. Tuberculosis . . . . .	7	Whooping Cough . . . . .	1
5. Hepatitis . . . . .	43	Legionellosis Presumptive . . . . .	1
6. Meningitis . . . . .	7		
7. Encephalitis . . . . .	0		
8. German Measles . . . . .	0		
9. Mumps . . . . .	0		
10. Malaria . . . . .	2		

Procedure relating to CONTAGIOUS DISEASES after verification the following takes place:

1. Follow-up conducted when necessary.
2. Report sent to Mass. Department of Public Health .
3. Cultures taken when necessary.
4. Contacts tested and referred.
5. Home visit — checking medication.

The following is a list of biological and diagnostic supplies issued to physicians, clinics and local hospitals in the City of Somerville upon request.

Biologicals:

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis  
Diphtheria, Tetanus (children's dosage)  
Tetanus and Diphtheria (adult dosage)  
Immune Serum Globulin  
Tuberculin (P.P.D. Mantoux)  
Poliomyelitis (Oral)  
Tetanus Toxoid  
Typhoid  
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (German Measles) (combination only)

Diagnostic Outfits:

Throat Cultures	Enteric Cultures
Serology Tubes	Gonorrhea Smear
Undulant Fever	

Clinics and hospitals located in the city of Somerville:

1. Board of Health Clinic, Basement of City Hall
2. Central Hospital, 26 Central Street
3. Somerville Hospital, 236 Highland Avenue
4. Family Practice Center, 1020 Broadway
5. Mystic Health Center, 0 River Road
6. East Somerville Health Center, 61 Glen Street
7. Health Stop, 33 Bow Street



**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**CAUSES OF DEATH FOR THE YEAR 1985**

Classifications	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
1. Infective and Parasitic Diseases (Septicemia, T.B., Viral)	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
2. Neoplasms (Tumors, Malignant or Benign)	5	6	4	4	6	6	7	6	7	5	2	1	59
3. Endocrine, Nutritional & Metabolic Diseases (Diabetes, Gout)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	0	7
4. Diseases of Blood & Blood Forming Organs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Mental Disorders	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6. Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
7. Diseases of the Circulatory System	17	26	31	19	21	22	12	16	19	21	21	33	258
8. Diseases of the Respiratory System	9	10	11	4	7	7	4	1	5	8	5	9	80
9. Diseases of the Digestive System (Ulcers, Liver, etc.)	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	13
10. Diseases of the Genitourinary System (Kidney, etc.)	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
11. Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, & Puerperium	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Diseases of Skin & Subcutaneous Tissue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Diseases of Musculoskeletal System & Tissue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Congenital Anomalies (Deviations)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity & Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Symptoms & Ill-Defined Conditions	3	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	5	1	1	16
17. Accidents, Poisonings & Violence	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>460</b>

## Mortality – 1985

Deaths by Ages	Males	Females	Total
1. Under One Year	1	0	1
2. One to Five Years	0	0	0
3. Five to Ten Years	0	0	0
4. Ten to Fifteen Years	0	0	0
5. Fifteen to Twenty Years	2	0	2
6. Twenty to Thirty Years	2	0	2
7. Thirty to Forty Years	10	3	13
8. Forty to Fifty Years	5	6	11
9. Fifty to Sixty Years	18	10	28
10. Sixty to Seventy Years	46	32	78
11. Seventy to Eighty Years	61	72	133
12. Eighty to Ninety Years	52	78	130
13. Ninety to One-Hundred Years	21	38	59
14. Over One-Hundred Years	0	3	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>360</b>

### Deaths at Institutions

1. Deaths at Somerville Hospital	235
2. Deaths at Central Hospital	28
3. Deaths at Holy Rosary Home	27
4. Deaths at Other Institutions	16

### Deaths During the Last 10 Years

1976 – 529	1981 – 463
1977 – 465	1982 – 461
1978 – 452	1983 – 457
1979 – 450	1984 – 468
1980 – 484	1985 – 460



# 1985 SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Incident Report

1. Accidents (All Vehicles) . . . . .	97
2. Assist (Police) . . . . .	32
3. Assist (Citizen) . . . . .	8
4. Automobile and Vehicle Fires . . . . .	270
5. Bomb Scares . . . . .	46
6. Clothes Dryer . . . . .	11
7. Down Wires (Hurricane 9/27/85-60) . . . . .	86
8. Dumpsters . . . . .	130
9. Electrical . . . . .	101
10. Alarms (Total) . . . . .	2798
a. Accidental . . . . .	114
b. False (Boxes) . . . . .	1734
c. False (Telephone) . . . . .	110
d. Faulty Systems . . . . .	589
e. Needless . . . . .	251
11. Fires (Residential) . . . . .	79
12. Fires (Buildings, Including Apartment Buildings) . . . . .	49
13. Gas and Oil Leaks . . . . .	68
14. Outside Fires . . . . .	595
15. Furnace . . . . .	72
16. Food on Stove . . . . .	325
17. Lockouts . . . . .	128
18. Medical . . . . .	362
19. Smoke Investigations . . . . .	226
20. Washdowns . . . . .	156
21. Water Problems . . . . .	173
22. Miscellaneous . . . . .	123
23. Mutual Aid Responses	
Arlington . . . . .	18
Boston . . . . .	36
Cambridge . . . . .	86
Chelsea . . . . .	2
Everett . . . . .	22
Medford . . . . .	5
Malden . . . . .	2

## Fire Report

Total Number of Fires (Residential, Buildings, Cars) with Loss . . . . .	347
Total Amount of Money Loss Due to Fires . . . . .	\$2,881,375
Total Civilian Injuries . . . . .	3
Total Civilian Deaths . . . . .	2

## Breakdown of Bureau Activity

Smoke Detector Inspections:	
26C inspections . . . . .	105
26E inspections . . . . .	173
26F inspections . . . . .	692
Total . . . . .	970
Oil Burner Permits/Inspections . . . . .	142
Red Card Complaints . . . . .	140
Annual Inspections . . . . .	64
Semi-annual Inspections . . . . .	14
Quarterly Inspections . . . . .	83
Special Inspections . . . . .	124
Flammable Permit Inspections . . . . .	214
Tank Truck Inspections . . . . .	7
License Renewal Inspections . . . . .	2
Tufts University . . . . .	2
Plans Review/Approval . . . . .	71
Fire Investigations . . . . .	38
Court Appearances . . . . .	13
Conferences . . . . .	30
Fire Lane Violations . . . . .	2
Training, Department Sessions . . . . .	3
Seminars . . . . .	3
Civil Defense Meetings . . . . .	3
L.U.S.T. Program . . . . .	10
Misc. . . . .	6
Violation Notices . . . . .	13
Public Education Appearances . . . . .	24
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Total . . . . .	1,978

### Fees Collected — 1985

January . . . . .	\$ 885.00
February . . . . .	570.00
March . . . . .	900.00
April . . . . .	747.00
May . . . . .	1,890.00
June . . . . .	1,285.00
July . . . . .	1,075.00
August . . . . .	1,260.00
September . . . . .	860.00
October . . . . .	1,100.00
November . . . . .	1,150.00
December . . . . .	<u>1,005.00</u>
Total . . . . .	\$12,727.00

Note: Approximately \$8,500.00 of the above fees were collected on behalf of the Smoke Detector program.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
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MASSACHUSETTS  
for the Year 1985

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Irene Fitzgerald	Julia Willis
Kathleen Kelliher	
Maria C. McEachern	

Staff Resignations

Fred Friedman . . . . .	Branch Librarian—East
Virginia McGuire . . . . .	Chief Cataloger
Philip McNulty . . . . .	Circulation Head
Peter Merchant . . . . .	Adult Services Librarian
Jennifer Salmon . . . . .	Senior Asst.—Reference

Dismissed

Isabella Callanan . . . . .	Chief Cataloger
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Staff Retirements

Lillian Casey . . . . .	Branch Librarian—East
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Part-time Resignations

Amy Cantalupa	Francesca DeVellis
Tara Griffin	Judy DeVita
Mary Lawlor	Arthur Maravelis
Darlene Linehan	Judy Norton
Elaine Boatin (temporary)	Anthony Viola
Ellen Campedelli	Julia Willis

## 1985 Finances

Assessed Value of the City (Real Estate) — \$121,941,430.00

City Tax Rate for 1985 — \$211.95 per thousand

### Receipts

Local Taxes — Library Department

1984-85 Budget — \$704,222.00

1985-86 Budget — \$766,969.00

1985 Estimate \$735,595.50

Fines included in above: \$4,247.96

Dog Licenses included in above: \$3,474.75

Invested Funds	Balance from 1984	\$111,200.46	
	Interest from 1985	6,953.00	\$118,153.46

State Incentive Grant — Received \$38,683.20

Total Receipts	\$853,748.96
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### Expenditures

Salaries — Library Department	\$599,665.30
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Books	Ordin. Maint.	\$54,531.37	
	Funds	1,091.42	55,622.79

Periodicals	Ordin. Maint.	4,819.32	
	Funds		4,819.32

Audio Visual Materials	Ordin. Maint.	2,444.17	
	Funds	2,065.41	4,509.58

Other Operating Expenses	Ordin. Maint.	59,201.08	
	Funds	1,303.62	60,504.70

Total Expenses	\$725,121.69
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Balances — Ordinary Maintenance — to be used 1985-86	14,934.26
Funds	113,693.01

Grand Total	\$853,748.96
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Capital Expenses (Renovation of the East Branch Library) (Gold Star Memorial Library)	\$189,122.08
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## 1985 Statistics

City: Somerville

County: Middlesex

State: Massachusetts

Name of Library: The Public Library of the City of Somerville

Date of Founding: 1872

Name of Director: Paul A. DeAngelis

Report for the year ending December 31, 1985

Governmental unit of support and service: City

Population Served: 78,204

Terms of Use: Free for lending, Free for reference

Agencies: Central Library . . . . .	1	
Branch in Library Building . . . . .	2	
Bookmobile . . . . .	1	
Other: Shutins . . . . .	18	
Institutions . . . . .	1	
Rest Homes . . . . .	7	
Homes for the Aged . . . . .	8	
		Total 38

### Circulation and Use:

Number of volumes of juveniles lent for home use . . . . .	40,769
Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use . . . . .	42,135
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use . . . . .	55,125
Reference special loans . . . . .	340

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Total number of volumes lent for home use . . . . . 138,369

Period of loan for the majority of book stock: 21 days

Music/AV Circulation: Records: 6352   Prints 197   Sculpture 0   Film 16  
VHS 1,356

Number of reference questions answered: 61,684

### Number of inter-library loans:

Volumes lent . . . . .	43
Volumes borrowed . . . . .	46
Films lent . . . . .	16
Films borrowed . . . . .	290

### Registration:

Borrowers registered during the year: 5,515

Registration period: Indefinite

Book Stock	Adult	Juvenile	Total
No. of volumes Dec. 31, 1984	131,424	77,519	208,943
No. of volumes added during year	4,373	1,011	5,384
No. of volumes withdrawn during year	3,190	631	3,821
No. of volumes Dec. 31, 1985	132,607	77,899	210,506

Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates . . . . .	37
Number of newspapers on microfilm . . . . .	3
Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates . . . . .	406

Music/AV materials owned:

Records . . . . .	5,831
Cassettes . . . . .	489
Video Cassettes . . . . .	75
Polaroid Camera . . . . .	20
Prints . . . . .	187
Games . . . . .	0
Museum Passes . . . . .	869
Sculpture . . . . .	19
Filmstrips . . . . .	0
Films . . . . .	19
Talking Books . . . . .	50

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Dear Sirs:

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted and appended thereto, and forming a part of it, the Annual Report of the Director of Libraries, which details the growth and operation of the Library for the past year.

Respectfully,

Lillian Riley  
President  
Board of Trustees

## To the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library

The most exciting aspect of the year 1985 at the Somerville Public Library was the completed renovation of the East Branch Library (Gold Star Memorial). This branch library was closed in February in order to receive a new roof, windows, ceiling, walls, lights, bookshelves, plumbing, wiring, painting, carpeting and furniture. In addition, repair was made to the chimney, the outside wood trim and moldings and the wrought iron fence. The grand opening was held in October and since then the area residents have given many compliments to the staff about the Library's comfort and beauty. The East Branch Library was built in 1918 through Carnegie funds. This was the first major renovation since that time. Funds for the project came from the Madeleine E. Lincoln Trust Fund and the State Grant to Libraries.

Another progressive accession to the library system was the purchase of five additional terminals. Two were installed in the East Branch; one additional terminal each in the Catalog Department and in the Circulation Department and one in the Central Children's Department. The library system is now equipped with twelve terminals and as the Minuteman Library Network grows the residents of Somerville will be better served. There are currently thirteen Network libraries on line. The West Branch Children's Room has been on line for several months and the adult area is progressing steadily. The East Branch has begun to bar code and to input items into the data base.

A third benefit to the library system has been the increase in full-time staff members. Three additional employees were hired. This resulted in Branch hours being extended from twenty-seven hours per week to forty hours including two evenings. Each Branch is now opened every weekday. The Central Library hours have increased by two on Saturday making the total hours of opening sixty-three for the week. The increase in hours meets the requirements mandated by the State to receive aid to libraries.

Programming geared to all age levels has continued to be a major aspect of library service in Somerville. Several children's story hours were produced and videotaped by staff members from various departments. They were later aired on cable television. The Library was awarded a certificate of merit by the local educational cable council.

The children's departments in all three libraries continue to have a variety of programs which are well attended.

The Arts Lottery Grants have benefitted the Library with free programs. Family stories and songs relating to the forming of Somerville's various communities and a story making game where children or adults create a story by using visual clues were successful programs sponsored by the Arts Council.

The Friends of the Library continue to donate time and money for the benefit of the staff and the community. The book sale netted over seven hundred dollars and the pot luck supper made approximately two hundred seventy-five

dollars. The Friends have donated over three thousand dollars in 1985. Some of the donations include a microwave oven for the staff, a family pass to the New England Aquarium, partial payment of an outdoor library sign and hundreds of dollars for arts and crafts materials and refreshments for programs.

Our museum pass program remains very popular with the public. The Somerville Kiwanis Club and the Somerville Elks have been very generous to the Library by funding the Museum of Science pass and the Children's Museum pass.

Outdoor signs were purchased for the Central Library (partially funded by the Friends) and both branch libraries. These signs are made of two inch solid mahogany wood with hand carved letters. They are very attractive and the Library has received many compliments from the public. The sign company has had many orders from area businesses for similar signs.

The West Branch Library roof was repaired during the year. Rain water had seeped in and damaged ceilings and walls. I spoke to several people concerning this situation. Alderman John Connolly was instrumental in getting this repair completed and other repairs promised for the coming year. A parking area for the staff, new or supplemental indoor lighting, carpeting in some areas and inside painting are some of the work which should begin soon. After this project I hope to get parts of the Central Library repaired and maintained. Each year one of the Library buildings should be earmarked for needed repairs and maintenance. In this way, every third year necessary work can be done to one of the buildings and each will be well maintained for years to come.

A gift of five hundred dollars was donated to the Friends and a few dozen carefully chosen and unusual classical records were donated to the Library.

A special thank you to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for the budget increase which has helped to increase Library hours and materials and for allowing the use of the Trust funds and the State aid to renovate the East Branch.

The staff always provides the best service possible to library users. Many patrons have complimented both individual staff members as well as the whole staff for providing friendly and conscientious service. I agree and would like to add my thanks to the staff.

The Board of Library Trustees have faithfully supported plans for automation of the Library, renovation and other improvements to the buildings and have upheld decisions which I have proposed and their support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. DeAngelis  
Director

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
BUILDING DIVISION**

Submitted herewith is the annual report of the Building Division for Fiscal Year 1985 (July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985).

Building Permits Issued . . . . .	1,027
Building Inspections . . . . .	289
Gas Permits Issued . . . . .	560
Plumbing Permits Issued . . . . .	279
Gas & Plumbing Inspections . . . . .	839
Elevator Inspections . . . . .	45
Builders' Licenses . . . . .	309
Structures Demolished . . . . .	15
Dwelling Units Lost by Demo . . . . .	7

The total receipts (cash and check) for the period 1/7/84 through 6/30/85, Fiscal Year 1985, are \$310,816.00.



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ELECTRIC LINES AND LIGHTS DIVISION**

Below is a summary of the receipts of the Electrical Division for the Year 1985-1986.

July 1985 . . . . .	\$ 2,403.50
August 1985 . . . . .	1,352.50
September 1985 . . . . .	1,238.50
October 1985 . . . . .	2,143.50
November 1985 . . . . .	2,061.00
December 1985 . . . . .	1,738.50
January 1986 . . . . .	1,854.00
February 1986 . . . . .	2,868.00
March 1986 . . . . .	2,542.50
April 1986 . . . . .	3,030.00
May 1986 . . . . .	1,706.50
June 1986 (6/1/86 thru 6/16/86) . . . . .	<u>1,867.00</u>
 Total for Year . . . . .	 \$24,805.50

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Ronberg  
Superintendent of Electrical





## **THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

**1985**

**Robert F. Pisco, Chairman**

**Harold C. Michitson, Vice-Chairman**

**John T. Kiely**

**Thomas M. Sullivan**

**Julie P. Quinn**

**Richard W. Knibbs**

**Albert P. Woodman**

**Patricia Kerr**

**Charles S. Tierney**

**Secretary to the Commission: James B. Callahan, Supt.**

**John M. Pieroni, Assistant Supt.**

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1985

December 31, 1985

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen:

The Recreation Commission and its career employees are justifiably proud of the service rendered to the community via the programming outlined in this report. Our feelings about the events and activities sponsored by the Recreation Commission, however, have been and perhaps will be somewhat shy of completely impartial. We leave objectivity to our true evaluators . . . you, the residents of the City of Somerville.

Please begin said assessment with S.R.C. participants and spectators for grass roots feedback on the worth of our programs. Then tell us when you don't think Trum Field's nightly array of basketball and softball competition doesn't best reflect the drive and character of this city. Let's ask a spry senior citizen at a Logan Post/Post 19 function or a freckle-faced youngster in Supt. Charles C. Kelley Playground on a hot July morning, if Rec's fractional portion of one cent from the municipal tax dollar is better spent elsewhere. Don't forget to give the tall, teenaged kid from East Somerville a chance to register his feelings on the value of a weekly Open Gym night or listen to the wheel-chaired little girl in our special needs program at the Powder House Community School recalling last week's Boston Harbor boat cruise.

The very attitude of a community about itself can be directly linked to its recreational areas and activities. Well-managed and programmed Parks & Recreation facilities give a positive statement to the citizens, who support all municipal functions through their tax dollars.

The Somerville Recreation Commission views itself as a highly visible community service that meets a basic human need and returns many times its municipal appropriation to the individual character and quality of life within the collective neighborhoods known to us as Somerville, Massachusetts.

### PERSONNEL

The year 1985 confirmed the alarming trend of recent years towards a decreasing number of our city's high school and college-aged youngsters being interested in Summer Playground positions and school-year Recreational part-time work opportunities with the Commission. The above objective statement of fact in no way implies that today's Recreation Leader is now less talented or dedicated than his or her older brothers or sisters, parents or even grandparents. However, the plain fact of the matter is that less children in their teen-aged years, fewer undergraduates pursuing degrees in the field of Education, and only slightly better than minimum wage rates of pay have collectively reduced our potential pool of Recreation Leader applicants.

The Commission and its full-time staff have personally tried to interest former playground participants and outstanding high school seniors in becoming leaders for us. Additionally, we have stepped up our campaign for advertising employment openings in our part-time leadership positions throughout the city in an attempt to increase the number of summer applications on file for Commission appointment as Playground Leaders. Again, the problem is not one of quality people, because such individuals are already within our part-time ranks, but rather, it is the dilemma of having not enough capable personnel in quantity to properly staff all areas of the Commission's programming.

The full-time staff received great news from the State's Division of Personnel Administration in October, as two veteran employees of the Commission, Mrs. Carol S. Lane and Mrs. Donna M. Callahan, were notified of their Civil Service appointments to the permanent positions of General Supervisor. Both employees had come up the ranks from Assistant Playground Leaders back in the early seventies and had been members of our full-time staff since the late seventies. Mrs. Callahan is the Director of our Outstanding Girls' Gymnastics Program and also serves as a Group Assistant with our Monday and Thursday Senior Citizen Clubs. Mrs. Lane directs the total operation of our seven Ceramic classes and lends assistance to the Seniors' Program at trips and functions. Both women serve as Playground Supervisors during the summer months.

The Commission, itself, whose membership is listed on the initial page of this report, acquired the services of a valuable and well-respected member of the community with the appointment of Charles S. Tierney. "Chuck", as he is known to the many softball players of the city, has been a well-respected A.S.A. umpire for many years and brings to the Commission a strong knowledge of the Somerville sports scene.

Elsewhere on the Commission and within the full-time staff, it was business as usual . . . give the people of Somerville the best in leisure-time programming on a year-round basis.

## REPORTED ATTENDANCE FIGURES—SUMMER PLAYGROUND UNITS

### Breakdown of Attendance Figures in Relation to Number of Leadership Positions

	No. Leaders/Yr. (38)/'85	No. Leaders/Yr. (30)/'83	No. Leaders/Yr. (45)/'81
Boys Attendance	17,649	13,423	34,778
Girls Attendance	<u>10,982</u>	<u>9,276</u>	<u>19,953</u>
Totals	28,631	22,699	54,731

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE—SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS—1985

Week of	Male	Female	Total
June 26-June 28	1,372	739	2,111
July 1-July 5	2,448	1,572	4,020
July 8-July 12	2,906	1,781	4,687
July 15-July 19	2,786	1,796	4,582
July 22-July 26	2,284	1,310	3,594
July 29-August 2	2,378	1,550	3,928
August 5-August 9	1,833	1,188	3,021
August 12-August 16	1,642	1,046	2,688
Totals	17,649	10,982	28,631

## BREAKDOWN OF ATTENDANCE TOTALS & LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS BY PLAYGROUNDS

Athletic Units			Neighborhood Units		
Ldrs.	Site	Children	Ldrs.	Site	Children
2	Glen (at E. Som.)	1,875/1,428 = 3,303	2	Kelley	768/503 = 1,271
2	Trum	1,776/1,403 = 3,179	1½	Grimmons	680/510 = 1,190
2	Conway	1,091/545 = 1,636	1½	Mystic	622/527 = 1,149
2	Shaw	1,083/475 = 1,558	1½	Kennedy	690/376 = 1,066
2	Lincoln	1,222/319 = 1,541	1	Harris	506/535 = 1,041
2	Foss	685/462 = 1,147	1½	Perkins	680/359 = 1,039
2	Dilboy	624/363 = 987	1½	Albion	740/298 = 1,038
			1½	Florence	807/205 = 1,012
			1½	Cummings	705/305 = 1,010
14	Totals	8,356/4,995 = 13,351	1½	Cutler	519/309 = 828
			1½	Woodstock	379/419 = 798
			1	Hoyt-Sullivan	419/350 = 769
			1	Brown	430/311 = 741
			1½	Lexington	434/269 = 703
			1	Tufts	267/321 = 588
			1½	Sen. Corbett	299/281 = 580
			1½	Kenney	348/109 = 457
			24		9,293/5,987 = 15,280



## SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

The season of the year most people measure change by is usually Summer. We seem to remember holidays or individual dates of importance at other times of the year, but Autumn, Winter and even Spring all take a backstage importance to those timeless days and nights of June, July and August. The Summers of our childhood years contain therefore some of life's fondest memories. Since 1917, the Somerville Recreation Commission's Playgrounds Program has provided our children with a highly organized and visible network of free, supervised play areas in almost every precinct of this city. Please stop for a moment and consider how many remembrances of those hot and hazy Summer days of our youth we have carried with us for so many years!

Wednesday, June 26, was Opening Day on the Playgrounds. Our 37 day, double-session, 9:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon and 1:30-4:00 P.M. program was in full operation just three days after the close of public schools for the Summer. The Commission's twenty-four units were in full "swing", prior to any attempts by neighborhood toughnecks to decide who, what, when and where recreational activities should take place in the city's open space. All of our sites for '85 were declared to be in financially eligible school districts by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Family Income Guidelines and received a free A.M. snack consisting of a juice bar, fruit, cookies and milk. Catholic Charities, through St. Francis De Sales, sponsored the program once more and assisted our staff in solving the many logistical problems of serving several hundred morning snacks per day. The Commission appreciated the assistance of the Department of Public Works Sanitation and Park Departments and to the School Department for their prompt collections of post-snack materials. Last Summer's Snack Program proved far more practical to the hot Playground setting than the full sandwich lunch program of years past. Other supplemental personnel assistance to help administer these morning snacks came from Employment Resources, Inc. who sponsors the Summer Youth Employment Program. The playgrounds received ten such Summer job slots from E.R.I. Many of the past S.Y.E.P. enrollees have enjoyed helping with the operation of the playgrounds so much, that they have applied for Commission appointed leadership positions.

Our summation of inter-unit playground activities for Summer 1985-style is divided into two sections, those being Special and Major events. Special events usually occurred earlier in the season and generally required less total staff involvement. These special events offered individual participants tournament competition at Local, Sectional or final Inter-Playground levels in Checkers, Jump-rope, Jackstones and Chess. Inter-unit games and tournaments in Baseball, Softball, Dodgeball and Kickball were yet other special events. Recreation leaders played up playground spirit and sportsmanship to their charges, however, they played down the all too common trend in adolescent sports of winning at any cost. T-shirts in the seven athletic unit colors with the stencilled logo of a boy hoopster and a girl runner served as the game uniforms, and lent a special type of comradeship to playground youngsters, who may have met for the first time earlier that day on the unit.



A chronological summary of major events on our All-Season Calendar begins on July 1 with the mention of our "C" team Baseball/Softball Day. The event was again held at two locations simultaneously, Lincoln Park and Hodgkins-Curtin Field, to minimize leader/child travel and spotlight possible East/West team combinations for the Somerville Rec-Cambridge Rec pre-teen "sandlot tourney" to be held at Donnelly Field in Cambridge each A.M. session the last week in July. A tip of the hat to the folks at Cambridge Recreation for a well-organized tournament. The good sportsmanship and team spirit of the four squads. Somerville East (Conway, Foss, Glen and Lincoln), and Somerville West (Dilboy, Shaw and Trum), along with East Cambridge and Cambridge Central, was what everyone will remember most from the games. The Intra-City "C" Team baseball schedule itself concluded with a championship game at Foss Park's newly dedicated Joseph Blumsack Memorial Field.

The Track Meet schedule for last season ran as follows: July 10th - Shaw at Dilboy, July 15th - Glen at Foss, July 17th - at Trum and July 22 - Lincoln at Conway. The local Track Meet match-ups helped to wet the appetite on our seven Athletic Units for the "big" meet in August and usually produced an "unknown" future medalist or two from a nearby small Neighborhood Unit. Yet another Track & Field major event last summer was the local National Parks & Recreation Association's Hershey Track & Field Youth Day held at Dilboy Stadium on July 2. Somerville Recreation qualified an incredible eleven youngsters at Dilboy for the State Competitions at Braintree Recreation on July 20, where one girl and one boy attained second place finished in the Distance Throwing event.

Another novel event last summer was the Metropolitan District Commission's Metro Theatre, which conducted Mimes, Children's & Puppet Theatre performances during playground hours at M.D.C. locations near Conway, Dilboy and Foss. The week of July 8-12, was one of fantasy, fun and adventure at the above locations. State officials are to be commended for bringing these performances free of charge to city kids who, for the most part, have not experienced the joy and satisfaction of live theatre outside of schooltime.

Our Eastside/Westside Progressive Games Days were conducted on July 17 and 18 respectively and were well received by children and parents alike. Recreation Leaders and participants prepared for several days on their unit's special games and events. Invitations were sent home with youngsters, self-made programs were given to those in attendance and everyone was required to join in the carefree merriment of a summer's day on the playgrounds. S.R.C. leaders put special planning and effort into these Games Days, which was noticed and appreciated by the Commission members and our entire summer staff.

The gala Playground "Extravaganza" for all units was held on July 30 at Trum Field. Last summer's theme featured the contemporary music scene with selections such as the "Cindy Lauper Obstacle Course" and the "Michael Jackson Relay" drawing loud howls from the grandstand area. Total participation numbered 196 at noon time's cast brunch on the outfield grass, compliments of the Summer Lunch Program. The activity continues to be so popular because

every boy and girl walked away with a smile and brought home the happy memory of participation, but without the pressures which sometime come with win/lose events orchestrated by adults for the "benefit" of children.

The sixty-fourth running of Superintendent Frank Mahoney's Track Meet was held at Trum Field on the evening of August 6. The weather conditions were made to order, mid-seventies and not a drop of the wet stuff that had burst upon the scene just prior to the '84 Meet. Recreation personnel began monitoring weather reports seventy-two hours before the "Meet", so as to have anti-rain dance gear available at all times. The paper work and physical logistics necessary to bring about athletic competition for the 153 boys and 129 girls entered in the event takes literally weeks to assemble.

Our next big event on the summer calendar took place at Shaw Playground on Friday, August 9. Close to one hundred participants drew pairings for the Inter-Playground Paddle Tennis Tournament. Several P.T. grids were chalked out on the green asphalt surface of the usual stickball capital of the city.

The Annual Playground Outing of Tuesday, August 13, made a repeat appearance to the spacious confines of New Hampshire's Canobie Lake Park. Over 275 Class "C" youngsters were chauffeured via eight yellow school buses from Broadway's Trum Field to an off-broadway version of Alice in Wonderland, complete with a munchkin midway of games, rides and numerous other side show attractions.

Thursday, August 15, the hottest night of the entire summer, was, with great foresight, selected back in early June to be the Playgrounds Awards Night. Despite the absolutely intolerable heat in the Powder House Community School cafeteria on the above evening, nobody made for an exit until the last child's name was read aloud and the final flash cube had popped its praise to the '85 Playground season. His Honor, Mayor Eugene C. Brune and the Somerville Kiwanis were in attendance to present the Kiwanis sweatshirts for Playground Sportsmanship, the William J. Maher Memorial Track Meet M.V.P. Trophies, and certificates for team athletics and individual achievements in our city-wide tournaments. The Awards Night is made possible solely through the financial assistance given to it by the Somerville Kiwanis Club.

The Playground season for the Summer of '85 came to a close following the A.M. session of Friday, August 16. The weekly averages and per unit totals, along with separate numbers on boys and girls attendance figures are now part of history. It will be remembered meteorologically as a cool and somewhat wet summer with remarkable but two 90<sup>0</sup>+ playground days, August 14 and the infamous, aforementioned 15th, while a total of nine playground days had better than a ¼" of rain fall on their memories. But, when all was said and done, the only thing that really mattered was that Somerville youngsters again had their Summer Playgrounds to go to every day.

## **SUMMER PLAYGROUND UNIT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN**

The Summer Special Needs Program was conducted from July 1 through August 14 at the Powder House Community School. The Program was designed to promote the educational, social, and emotional development of its participants, and to be enjoyed.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday were our swim days at Dilboy Pool. Swim time was normally 12:00-1:30 P.M. Water activities proved not only beneficial to our participants physically, but proved to be activities they really enjoyed and made progress in at the same time. During the mornings of "pool days", we had arts & crafts, quiet games, and of course, practice sessions for the upcoming Olympics!

Thursday was bowling day. We utilized the Recreation Suburban Van and station wagon. Our pro bowlers were transported to the Turnpike Bowladrome for a morning of exercise and fierce competition. We would return to the Powder House School to recap the scores, and everyone received a big round of applause for their performance.

Tuesday as, by far, the favorite day. It was field trip day. This year's excursions included: Benson's Wild Animal Farm, the Aquarium, Boston Harbor Boat Cruise, Thompson Recreational Center, Children's Museum and Castle Island. These trips provided the children with the opportunity to get out of the city and produced experiences that were educational and very enjoyable. A generous contribution from the Sons of Italy helped pay for buses and admissions to each event.

The Fifth Annual Somerville Olympics was held July 25 at Trum Field. A grand entrance by the special athletes, including 30 of our own Recreation special athletes, set the pace for a gala and highly successful night. Olympians, parents and volunteers, all shared some very special, unforgettable moments. We would especially like to thank the Somerville Kiwanis, staff of the Youth Program, staff of the Walnut Street Center and our own Recreation Leaders, maintenance crew, and others who helped organize and run the events.

## **SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG TEENS**

### **After School Arts & Crafts**

Arts & Crafts units were staffed at the Brown, Cutler and Healey Schools this past year to again provide leisure-time activities for the primary grades in the School Department's smaller buildings. Recreation theory has long held that a vast majority of younger children play within a 1/4 mile of their home. Therefore, the travel limitations upon students from lower grades can quite often prevent them from taking part in community recreational activities available in the larger schools or even in the private sector.

## **Girls' Gymnastics**

The emphasis on fitness and rhythmic gymnastics continued to add a new dimension to our already successful gymnastics program. Aerobics increases cardio-vascular endurance and the use of ribbon streamers, (Modern Rhythmic Gymnastics made its debut in the '84 Los Angeles Olympics) develops coordination and rhythm.

Our present membership of 54 young women were offered weekly instruction in floor exercise and dance, and the total program provided the gymnast with a well-rounded background in movement, strength and flexibility. Additional highlights within the program included the Annual Gymnastics Exhibition (held in June for the parents and friends of the gymnasts), each gymnast received an original design t-shirt at registration, Halloween favors, a Progressive Games Christmas Party and a super farewell get-together hosted by McDonald's of Davis Square.

## **Saturday Morning Playgrounds**

A ten-week program of Fall Saturday morning Playgrounds was conducted at the following locations: the Brown, Cummings, Cutler and East Somerville School Grounds and the Grimmons and Kelley Playgrounds. The six units were in operation from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and staffed by experienced Recreation employees. Special activities included Bubble Gum contests, Scavenger and Candy Hunts, Progressive Games Exhibitions and Halloween Parties. Our Summer Handcrafts Supervisor visited each playground to lend Arts & Crafts expertise to the program of activities.

## **Powder House Youth League**

The P.H.Y.L. notched its fourteenth anniversary for structured intramural competition last year at its traditional Powder House Community School "off-Broadway" location. Approximately seventy-two youngsters, ages 10-15, made an appearance each Saturday morning to fill the rosters of the Bruins, Flames, Flyers, Kings, Oilers and Rangers in super exciting Gym Hockey face-offs. Flag Football made a herculean effort to topple Gym Hockey as the national past-time of the Teele Square area, but as the club names indicate, the pigskin once more finished in the place position to the game requiring a small, round, orange, plastic puck. An expansion of operational hours into mid-afternoon, provided older volunteers and P.H.Y.L. alumni a chance to lace up the wheels and just maybe light up the net one more time.

## **Youth Baseball Clinic**

Thanks to the generous use of Tufts University's Cousens Gymnasium's Indoor Cage, a courtesy which is given special mention in the Acknowledgements Section of this report, the Youth Baseball Clinic saw one of the most successful hot-stove seasons in its eleven year history. Recreation Commission Chairman and Clinic Director, Mr. Robert Pisco, along with members of the corps of part-time Recreation Leaders provided all the baseball instruction any aspiring Hall



of Famer would ever need this side of "Cooperstown". Participants deserved extra credit this past year as the pre-teen workout commenced at 7:00 A.M. sharp! Teens got their turn at bat shortly after 9:00 A.M. and ran briskly through their workout until near 10:30 A.M. The loan of the Somerville Babe Ruth League's pitching machine for the entire season at Tufts allowed more batting instruction than Coach Pisco had ever before been able to achieve in our limited four or five holiday workouts in "Jumboville".

### **Boys' & Girls' Physical Fitness Centers**

The Commission's Night Gym Program continued to be very popular throughout the city. Units were staffed once a week at the East Somerville (Mondays), Powder House (Tuesdays), and Lincoln Park (Thursdays) Community Schools. The season ran twenty plus weeks, beginning when evenings first get chilly in mid-October to the first warm nights of Spring in mid-April. Sessions for youngsters 10-15 years of age were conducted from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. The programs are co-ed, but males out-numbered females at most meetings by about a 6-1 ratio.

Rec Leaders served as officials, player-managers, organizers, security guards, equipment managers and first aid assistants for pick-up games of Gym Hockey, Basketball, and Touch Football. Pre-registration was not required at any of our Physical Fitness centers and each was open free of charge to Somerville residents. Maximum participation was the philosophy our personnel always stressed when setting up games. The facilities expanded to a second night of operation following the February School Vacation, as the gym time became available with the conclusion of our adult Winter sports seasons.

## **PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS**

### **Teen Ceramics**

Monday afternoon continued as the meeting time for our Teen Ceramics Class. Students received instruction and assistance after school from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the various preparations and techniques of cleaning and painting ceramic pieces by our staff of instructors. The '85 season witnessed significant participant progress from last Spring's rage of Cabbage Patch anything to more sophisticated Winter items like snow houses, nativity sets, stocking holders and various other holiday knick-knacks.

### **Junior & Intermediate Athletic Leagues**

The Girls' Twilight Junior Softball Program had another successful season last Summer. Two groups of young ladies were formed from the forty or so youngsters who attended registration and tryouts in late June. A "West" squad worked out a couple of nights each week at Dilboy Field, while the "South" team held their evening intra-squad tilts at Conway Playground. Home and home inter-city clashes were conducted in August with Girls' All-Star teams from the neighboring towns of Everett and Medford.

The Boys' Twilight Junior Basketball League continued its organizational format of individual player registration and subsequent team assignment to better draw from all sections of the city. Our half dozen teams had nightly triple-headers three times each week at the Conway Playground's "B" Court just off Somerville Avenue. Last season's extra weekday night allowed for a fifteen game schedule, perhaps the most playing time ever, plus playoffs in late August.

The Boys' Twilight Intermediate League consisted of a Red and a Blue Division, each of eight teams. Entry was by team applications, but squads were grouped according to prior levels of competition. A ten-game schedule plus play-offs drew an avid nightly following of roundball fans to the Lincoln Park baskets to witness the guys, who play the sport year-round. Red Division participants would be many of the stars of the 1985-86 public and private High School season, while Blue Division athletes tended to want their lifetime neighborhood friends as teammates.

### **Young Men's & Women's Physical Fitness Centers and Aerobic Dance & Exercise Class**

The Commission afforded an Open Gym opportunity for all Somerville residents age 16 and over at the East Somerville, Powder House and Lincoln Park Community Schools on the same nights as our earlier mentioned Physical Fitness Programs for youngsters. Sessions were in operation from 8:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. one night per week following the departure of the 10-15 year old set, but also expanded to an additional night at each site come late-February.

Our Women's specialized physical fitness programming had difficulties in securing both a site and staff in '85, but as of this writing, a fine Aerobics Class was being operated on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Lincoln Park Community School Gym.

## **PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS**

### **Ceramics, Sewing and Cribbage**

The popularity of the Commission's Adult Ceramics Classes can be measured by our enrollment of over 250 students and the length of the program's waiting list. Well into its third decade of operation under the sponsorship of the Commission, adult Ceramics remains one of our strongest activities in paying demand. Members were required to pay for the cost of instruction and materials, such as the cost of paint, glazes and supplies, via a registration fee and weekly dues.

Sewing classes were held three mornings per week in our Main Hall at 19 Walnut Street. Assistance was given in all basic sewing techniques from cutting out a pattern to creating the complete garment. Pupils learned to alter clothes and make useful household articles. Pre-entrance requirements consisted of having your own pattern, pins, needle, thread, material, and patience.

The 31st Anniversary of the Somerville Cribbage League, under the sponsorship of the Recreation Commission, was celebrated in the Fall. Veteran players in our card circuit claim the friendly Friday evening festivities help them get a peg up on the competition come Tournament time. Highlights include a Christmas Party, automatic entry into the Commission's April Cribbage Tournament, and a break-up Banquet that few could consistently consent to attend without severe caloric consequences.

### **Women's Athletic Leagues**

Team sports programming for women in '85 commences with the mention of the tremendous growth and popularity of Volleyball. Our Indoor Women's League expanded to seven teams with weekly Tuesday night action from October through March at the attractive Winter Hill Community School Gym. Participants' skill levels and knowledge of the game itself has improved greatly from the "V" ball league's early days.

Over three hundred women softball players ran, fielded, threw, hit, and hit with power, every Monday through Thursday evening under the lights at the Lincoln "B" and Conway diamonds. 1985 was the twelfth season of organized games for the two six-team divisions.

The Tenth Anniversary of our Women's A.M. Bowling League was celebrated this past year. Each Monday morning rain, sleet, or snow, eight teams of candle-pin bowlers found both fun and exercise at the Day Street Lanes off Davis Square. Our program is as statistically conscious as most structured leagues.

Women's Twilight Basketball rounded out the female team sports picture with early evening action at Trum Field's main court. The number of entries in last year's program was down a bit from past seasons, but the quality of play was every bit as exciting as Summers' past.

### **Men's Athletic Leagues**

The Softball season for the thirty-six men's teams in the Somerville Municipal Softball League begins in mid-February with their organizational meetings. The teams opened their season in mid-April and battled through their 21-regular season contests and playoffs until September 4. Nearly 450 games are required before the five division regular season and playoff championships are decided.

Games were played Monday through Friday nights and Sunday mornings at Lincoln and Trum fields. Conway Park was used to offset the continued absence of Glen Park. The overabundance of athletic teams in Somerville, the absence of both Glen and Foss Parks and the weather, helped to create an overuse of Lincoln, Trum and Conway by all organizations, which took its toll on these playing surfaces. The costs for field use, entry fees, umpires, uniforms, and equipment continued to make it difficult for teams of individuals to compete.



The Men's Twilight Basketball League marked its thirty-fifth season of baseline-to-baseline action under the lights of the Trum, Lincoln, and Conway courts last Summer. Six divisions of progressively competitive play provided hoop fans with something to talk about in every Square and Pub between Celtics' seasons. An over-age 30 grouping of teams entitled appropriately enough, the Gray Division, received a tremendous first year approval rating and hopefully will be instrumental in retaining as active participants some of the players who have made our roundball program one of the best in the Greater Boston area.

The Men's Flag Football League concluded its twelfth season of play this past November. 300 Flaggers put on belts and laced up their athletic footwear every Sunday morning at M.D.C.'s Dilboy Field, and Foss Park, and Tufts University's intramural area near Powder House circle. The League was split into an "A" Division of six veteran clubs and a "B" Division of six newer entries. The ten-game regular season was followed by semi-final and championship divisional playoff games in late November.

### SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB

The Somerville Recreation Senior Citizens' Club celebrated its 28th Anniversary in June, 1985 with a dinner party at Caruso's Diplomat. The Club continues to be one of the pillars of the Commission's programming for Somerville residents. Membership in the Club remained at a 1,000 member level. The Club's four groups met weekly, mid-September to late May, at the James A. Logan Post No. 6800 and the American Legion Post No. 19. The Logan Post is home for the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday groups. The Wednesday Group and Friday Dance Class occupy the hall at Post No. 19. The three groups at the Logan Post have an average membership of 270, while the group at Post No. 19 has a membership of 200.

The Club is open to those Somerville residents who are at least sixty-five years of age. The weekly schedule consists of Bingo, guest speakers, day trips, and luncheon parties. There are additional activities available, such as the Mystery Ride Group (200 members), the Bowling League (40), Dance Class (40), and Overnight Trip Club (60). The Summer schedule includes a limited number of Binges, seashore day trips and mystery rides.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Date	Event	No. Present
Jan.	3-Day Overnight Trip (New Year's Party)	60
Feb.	4 Valentine Parties — Logan Post & Post 19	500
Mar.	2 St. Patrick's Parties — Logan Post	400
	3-Day Overnight Trip — Manchester, NH	50

Date	Event	No. Present
Apr.	4 Easter Parties – Logan Post & Post 19	400
	Penny Sale – Logan Post	150
	Shopping Trip – New Bedford/Fall River	40
	Trip to Augustine's Restaurant	80
May	Bowling Banquet – Capt. Courageous Restaurant, Gloucester	40
	Mystery Ride – Wychmere Yacht Club, Harwichport	130
	4 Strawberry Festivals – Logan Post & Post 19	460
	3-Day Overnight Trip – Beacon Motel, Lincoln, NH	50
Spring/ Summer	5 Trips to Hilltop Steak House Restaurant, Saugus (45 per trip)	225
June	28th Anniversary Party – Caruso's Diplomat	440
	Trip to Cape Cod – Coonamessait Inn, Falmouth (buses never showed up – trip cancelled)	130
July	2 Clambakes – Logan Post	250
	Trip to Cape Cod – Coonamessait Inn, Falmouth	110
	Night Mystery Ride – Ann's Place Restaurant, Norton, MA	50
	Trip to Lantana's, Randolph, MA	50
Aug.	Trip to Hampton Beach, NH – Newick's Restaurant	130
	Mystery Ride to Kennebunkport, ME – Old Grist Mill	130
Sept.	3-Day Trip to Mountainview Resort, Whitefield, NH	50
	Registration of Members	912
Oct.	White Elephant Sale – Logan Post	100
	Foliage Trip – Country Kitchen Restaurant, S. Vermont	90
	Foliage Trip – Pelham Inn, S. New Hampshire	130
	Registration for Bowling League & Dance Class (40 ea.)	80
	2 Halloween Parties – Logan Post	355
	Mystery Ride – Salem Crofs Inn, Brookfield, MA	130
Nov.	2 Thanksgiving Parties – Logan Post	440
	Shopping Trip – New Bedford/Fall River	45
	Overnight Trip – Beacon Motel, Lincoln, NH	50
	Mystery Ride – Windsor Mill Restaurant, Dracut	100
Dec.	Night Trip – Romie's Quarterdeck Restaurant, Danvers, MA	50
	4 Christmas Parties – Logan Post & Post 19	550

## SUPPLEMENTARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**January** The Ames Envelope Company donated the materials while the students at the Somerville High Trade School provided the technical assistance to produce the attractive 1985 calendars. A popular and practical guide with recreational programming on one side and yearly dates on the reverse side. These calendars were dispersed to numerous agencies and citizens throughout the city.

**February** It's a taste of the Stanley Cup playoffs as teams throughout the city convene at the Powder House Community School Gym for the Annual Indoor Gym Hockey Tournament conducted during the School Vacation week.

The Somerville Kiwanis sponsored a special day for the children enrolled in the Special Needs Program with a trip to the Boston Garden to view Disney on Ice. The fun-filled day continued with snacks and soda and a clown back at the Logan Post in Teele Square.

**March** The local basketball version of March Madness coincides nicely with the ongoing tournament at the High School and Collegiate levels.

Aside from their respective divisional championships, the Green Division All-Stars edged the Harvard Classics while the Everett Recreation team matched up against the All-Stars from the Gray Division. The Orange, Scarlet, and Crimson Divisions of the Men's Indoor Basketball League concluded their seasons with intra-divisional all-star games.

**April** Only one person will win it, but over 100 contestants joined in the pursuit of numero uno status in the 34th Annual Cribbage Tournament. They come from far and near to the James A. Logan Post for fun, excitement and, if by chance or luck, advancement to the top of the Tournament ladder.

The Eighth Annual Women's Invitational Basketball Tourney witnessed some outstanding games as local teams as well as Metro-area clubs provided a fitting conclusion to the Women's Indoor Basketball League season.

**May** The Spring Road Race may have brought fewer numbers to the starting blocks, but the field of participants represents a good cross-section of joggers ranging from beginner to casual to serious to post-marathon participant. Whatever the status of the entrant, hope spring's eternal for all or at least until a few hundred yards down Highland Avenue.

**June** The 28th Anniversary Party, a festive party where all four groups of the Senior Citizens' Club can gather under one roof, was held at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus. A full course meal was followed by song, dance, gifts and other surprises.



June  
(cont'd.) Another rousing performance staged by the participants in the Annual Gymnastics Exhibition at the Lincoln Park Community School Gym. Parents and friends were treated to an artistic and musical program featuring floor exercises, tumbling routines and balance beam maneuvers.

A new corps of recruits were added to the Rec's Summer Playground staff as they were trained in the demanding but rewarding role of playground leader. Learning new games, making arts and crafts projects, a question and answer forum, viewing a playground film, going over rules and regulations, preparing reports, etc., were just some of the areas covered during this orientation period.

The Women's Daytime Bowling League concluded another fine season with their Annual Banquet complete with trophies for individual and team efforts.

July-Aug. The Summer Playground season (mentioned at length in the beginning of this report).

September The Annual City-Wide Hot Shot Basketball Tournament drew another favorable response from interested sharpshooters with promising talent having a chance to advance to the National Finals in Denver, Colorado in March of 1986.

October The Junior Twilight Boys' Championship Basketball team was treated to a special party at McDonald's in Davis Square. Proprietor Marty Goerg, a leader in civic involvement in many different areas, provided the youngsters with a special "Mc-Party" of their very own.

November The Seventh Annual Fall Family Fun Run has focused upon the Boathouse at the Mystic River Basin as a successful location for this unique race. Participation is considered the key ingredient to this sometimes "coolish" "Sunday in the Park".

For the first time since the League began (a dozen years ago), the finals for the championship in the A & B Divisions of the Men's Flag Football League were played inside Dilboy's Football Stadium. It looked like a scene from the L. A. Coliseum as a huge crowd roared for their favorite team.

December The Sons of Italy sponsored a Christmas Party for the youngsters in our Special Needs Program. Pizza and soda, along with a live D.J. made this a memorable affair for all.

Its title may be long, the Ninth Annual Pre-Teen Invitational Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament, but there is no shortage of participants that gather for this post-Christmas event. All participants receive a handsome t-shirt in recognition of their appearance in the Tournament.

**PROGRAMMING CURRENTLY SPONSORED BY THE  
SOMERVILLE RECREATION COMMISSION**

<b>Page</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Units</b>
3-6	Summer Playgrounds	7-16	24
7	Summer Special Needs	6-22	1
8	After School Arts & Crafts	6-10	3
8	Girls' Gymnastics	7-11	1
3-9	Saturday Morning Playgrounds	7-12	6
9	Powder House Youth League	10-15	1
9	Youth Baseball Clinic	8-18	1
10	Boys' & Girls' Physical Fitness Centers	10-15	3
10	Teen Ceramics	12-17	1
10	Girls' Twilight Junior Softball	12-15	2 Teams
11	Boys' Twilight Junior Basketball	12-15	6 Teams
11	Boys' Intermediate Twilight Basketball	15-18	16 Teams
11	Young Women's & Men's Physical Fitness	16 & Over	3
11	Aerobic Dance & Exercise Class	18 & Over	1
12	Ceramics Classes	18 & Over	5
12	Sewing Classes	18 & Over	3
12	Cribbage League	18 & Over	1
12	Women's Volleyball	17 & Over	7 Teams
12	Women's Slow Pitch Softball	16 & Over	12 Teams
13	Women's Twilight Basketball	18 & Over	3 Teams
13	Women's Daytime Bowling	18 & Over	8 Teams
13	Men's Slow Pitch Softball	18 & Over	36 Teams
13	Men's Twilight Basketball	18 & Over	48 Teams
13	Men's Indoor Basketball	18 & Over	36 Teams
14	Men's Flag Football	18 & Over	12 Teams
14	Senior Citizens' Club	65 & Over	4
14	Senior Citizens' Bowling	65 & Over	1
14	Senior Citizens' Dance Class	65 & Over	1
14	Senior Citizens' Ceramics & Sewing	65 & Over	1
16-17	Supplementary Events & Activities	7-65	varied

City of Somerville, Recreation Commission

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – FISCAL YEAR 1986

Annual Appropriation (July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986) . . . . . \$310,226.84

Expenditures (Fiscal Year 1986):

Salaries and Wages . . . . .	\$281,676.84
Repairs – Vehicles . . . . .	300.00
Repairs – Office Equipment . . . . .	250.00
Rentals – Water Coolers . . . . .	475.00
Advertising . . . . .	125.00
Transportation . . . . .	7,000.00
Telephone Service . . . . .	2,500.00
Postage . . . . .	800.00
Photography . . . . .	600.00
Office Supplies . . . . .	2,000.00
Printing & Stationery . . . . .	500.00
Hardware . . . . .	950.00
Paint . . . . .	400.00
Tools . . . . .	225.00
Lumber & Wood . . . . .	475.00
Tires & Tubes . . . . .	180.00
Food & Refreshments . . . . .	600.00
Medical Supplies . . . . .	225.00
Athletic Equipment . . . . .	3,925.00
Recreation Supplies . . . . .	3,700.00
Flower Fund . . . . .	100.00
Badges, Emblems & Trophies . . . . .	220.00
In-State Travel/Car Allowance . . . . .	2,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions . . . . .	200.00
Uniforms . . . . .	800.00

Total Expenditures . . . . . \$310,226.84

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Recreation Commission has been extremely fortunate in obtaining co-operation and assistance from a great many sources. Our appreciation for their concern and aid is sincerely expressed to all the following:

HONORABLE EUGENE C. BRUNE

Mayor of Somerville

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—ESPECIALLY THE PARKS DIVISION

THE SOMERVILLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS AUXILIARY

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

VARIOUS OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SOMERVILLE CHURCHES & MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY

SERVICE, SOCIAL & VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS OF SOMERVILLE

SOMERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

For the donations of Sportsmanship Sweatshirt Awards for Summer Playground participants, printing of programs and the M.V.P. trophies for the Inter-Plgd. Track Meet, and for sponsoring our Fall Family Fun Run.

JAMES A. LOGAN POST, V.F.W. & THE MEMBERS OF ITS AUXILIARY

For the use of its Hall for our Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Senior Citizens' Clubs and the special services of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 19

For the use of its Hall for our Wednesday Senior Citizens' Club meeting and our Friday A.M. Dance Program.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION

CATALDO AMBULANCE SERVICE

For First Aid Services to our athletic programs.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES & CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF BOSTON

For sponsoring the U.S.D.A.'s Summer Food Program on our playgrounds.

MCDONALD'S OF DAVIS & PORTER SQUARES

For their fundraising and public relations assistance.



**THE AMES SAFETY ENVELOPE COMPANY**

For product donations used in our public relations materials.

**M. W. CARR COMPANY**

For assistance to all our activities.

**"SOMERVILLE JOURNAL"**

For continuing weekly coverage of our activities and events.

**"SOMERVILLE NEWS"**

For helping to publicize our programs within the community.

**WINTER HILL FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK**

For use of its message board to publicize our programs and events.

**SOMERVILLE BABE RUTH LEAGUE**

For use of their pitching machine.

**SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA**

**ORDER OF MEDFORD NO. 1359, MASSACHUSETTS**

For contributions to our Special Needs Summer Program and support of Special Needs Projects in both Somerville and Medford.

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY**

For the continued use each Fall Sunday morning of its College Avenue Field for our Men's Flag Football League, and the emergency use of its Cousens' Gym and Indoor Cage for our Men's Basketball League and Youth Baseball Clinic from October through the Winter of 1986. The above programs would have been either drastically curtailed or just not offered at all during the '85-'86 school year due to the construction of Somerville High School's beautiful new Field House.

# SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

## 1985 ANNUAL REPORT

In 1985 retired employees of the City and beneficiaries of deceased employees received the following allowances:

	Retired Employees	Beneficiaries
4% System	—	\$ 4,845.30
5% System	\$5,085,829.70	1,142,924.41
Non-Contributory Pension	1,075,244.48	—
Non-Contributory Section 101	—	66,155.72
Non-Contributory Annuities	—	40,443.15

### Balance Sheet — December 31, 1985

	ASSETS	LIABILITY
Investments	\$26,934,410.55	Retirement Funds
Cash, C.D.'s & Savings	3,017,270.43	4% 463,761.02
Due from City	14,986.57	5% 29,625,616.28
Accrued Interest	122,709.75	—
	<hr/> \$30,089,377.30	<hr/> \$30,089,377.30

## CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT 1985 ANNUAL REPORT

During the year 1985, the volunteers of the Somerville Civil Defense Department donated a total of over 70,000 hours to the City of Somerville. This is broken down as follows:

**Auxiliary Police** — Over 34,596 hours which includes cruiser duty, church traffic, anti-vandalism patrols of the public buildings, police training, firearms instruction, parades, holidays and crowd control at fires.

**Auxiliary Fire** — Over 25,000 hours of service to the community, which includes responding to working fires, and multiple alarm fires to illuminate the fire scenes at night. They supply lights at serious accidents when requested by the police, water leaks, pumpouts, concerts, mutual aid to other cities, and training assignments.

Once again, we of the Somerville Civil Defense Department, are proud to have the best trained and most active Auxiliary Units in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Somerville Civil Defense Department is also active in the combined Disaster Drill held by the Middlesex Hospital Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Carr  
Pr. Clerk

## VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The Annual Report of the Veterans' Services Department for the fiscal year July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1985 is herewith respectfully submitted. Appended thereto is a financial recapitulation of expenditures promulgated by State regulations governing the disbursement of Veterans' Benefits as mandated by Chapter 115, Mass. General Laws.

The major portion of Veterans' Benefit payments were directed toward providing financial and/or medical assistance to eligible veterans of wartime service and their dependents or survivors.

An increase in the number of Veterans' Services counselling cases relative to initiating and preparing applications for both VA service connected disability compensation and non-service connected disability claims were noted. A new format for VA annual income reporting requirements presented some problems to elderly or widowed recipients of VA pension payments. Any problems addressed to this department were alleviated by competent staff members who were knowledgeable and experienced in assisting our citizens in the proper completion and filing of VA forms.

The total amount of VA related benefits paid by the federal government to Somerville Veterans or their survivors, for the 84/85 fiscal year, was \$640,898.00, of which \$57,252.00 was credited to this department through VA claims and counselling assistance.

The total amount of state/city assistance payments made through this department was \$107,715.55 of which \$80,184.65 will be reimbursed the city by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On behalf of the members of this department, I extend my appreciation to you, Mr. Mayor and the Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen for your interest and concern in continuing Somerville's responsibility and commitment to provide the necessary services and assistance for needy veterans and their dependents.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon W. Curtin  
Director

1984-1985  
RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS PAID

	Total Amount Cash Assistance Paid to Recipients	Total Amount Medical Assistance Paid to Vendors	Total Amount Miscellaneous Benefit Assistance Paid to Vendors	Balance Paid on Indigent Burial Charges	Total Amount Veterans' Benefits Granted to Recipients	Total Amount Veterans' Benefits To Be Reimbursed By State	Total Cost Veterans' Benefits Borne By Somerville	Total Cases Paid
July	\$ 5,781.60	\$ 490.96	\$ 110.00	\$ NONE	\$ 6,382.56	\$ 4,786.92	\$ 1,595.64	32
Aug.	7,651.60	685.52	439.76	NONE	8,776.90	6,582.68	2,194.22	39
Sept.	7,719.84	9,775.04	130.00	NONE	17,624.92	13,218.70	4,406.22	44
Oct.	7,013.88	1,470.84	379.68	NONE	8,864.43	6,648.33	2,216.10	36
Nov.	6,936.84	969.96	58.00	NONE	7,964.80	5,973.60	1,991.20	41
Dec.	9,645.52	764.36	180.00	NONE	10,139.90	7,492.43	2,647.47	41
Jan.	7,184.96	NONE	NONE	108.00	7,293.75	5,389.51	1,796.24	33
Feb.	6,739.40	590.36	319.28	NONE	7,469.05	5,736.79	1,912.26	37
Mar.	5,105.28	497.08	363.40	NONE	5,965.85	4,474.41	1,491.44	31
April	6,340.60	455.96	312.64	545.00	7,654.19	5,331.89	1,777.30	35
May	7,059.72	371.24	505.00	NONE	7,935.92	5,951.93	1,983.99	34
June	7,744.40	3,658.88	60.00	NONE	11,463.28	8,597.46	2,865.82	36
Total	\$84,923.04	\$19,730.20	\$2,857.76	\$653.00	\$107,715.55	\$80,184.65	\$26,877.90	439



**OFFICE OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**  
**P.W.D. Building**

The Honorable Mayor and  
the Board of Aldermen  
City of Somerville

I herewith submit the annual report of the Department of Weights & Measures  
for the year 1985.

<b>SCALES</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>	<b>Sealed</b>	<b>Not Sealed</b>	<b>Condemned</b>
Over 10,000 lbs.	2	3	1	8
5,000 lbs. to 10,000 lbs.		10		
100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	10	55		
Under 100 lbs. cap.	30	340		11
<b>WEIGHTS</b>				
Avoirdupois	120			
Metric	110			
Apothecary	91			
<b>AUTOMATIC LIQUID MEASURING DEVICES</b>				
Gasoline Pumps	56	220		10
Fuel Oil Trucks	12	41		
<b>OTHER AUTOMATIC MEASURING DEVICES</b>				
Taximeters	25	95		14
<b>TOTALS</b>	133	1,090	1	24

**SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE**

Marking of Bread . . . . .	35
Marking of Food Packages . . . . .	1,050
Retests of Gasoline Devices . . . . .	28
Number Unit Pricing Insp. . . . .	12
Misc. Inspections & Tests . . . . .	135

**WEIGHINGS MADE FOR MUNICIPALITY**

4,350 tons of offal for Highway Department

**GASOLINE STATION SUMMARY**

Number of Call Backs . . . . . 27  
Total Number of Gas Drawn . . . . 2,750 gals.  
Complaints Investigated . . . . . 26

**SPOT CHECKS OF COMMODITIES PUT UP FOR SALE**

Commodity	No. Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	105	90	7	8
Butter	75	63	5	12
Confectionary	135	107	8	20
Fruits and Vegetables	650	433	72	145
Meats	875	774	42	59
Milk	50	29	4	17
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Totals	1,890	1,496	138	261

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTES







